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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting – September 13, 2016
COQ 201 – 1:00pm

I. Recognition of Members and Substitutes

Present:

Deanna Michael, Steve Lang, Deb Henry, Debra Sinclair, Mark Pezzo, Jill McCracken, Sharon Segrest

II. Recognition of Guests

Sophia Wisniewska, USFSP Chancellor

Martin Tadlock, RVCAA

III. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from May meeting – Tabled

V. Student Government Report and Discussion - No report

VI. Administrative Reports and Discussions

Dr. Wisniewska shared the following news:

- This fall's undergraduate class is strong, maintaining the high academic profile. Generating funds via student credit hour will be a new challenge.
- The new board chair, Brian Lamb, has reorganized committees. USFSP is working with him to make sure that the USFSP board has positions on the System board.
- Organizational changes have been made in the Advancement Office. Helen Levine will concentrate on government relations. Holly Kickliter will manage Advancement and will work with the colleges for marketing efforts, websites, and other. Jessica Blais will lead marketing and communication. A national search will be conducted for a new director; the College of Business Dean will chair. Dr. Wisniewska asked the Senate to recommend faculty to serve on search committee.
- The branding and communication consultants have made a report.
- USFSP future requests are being prepared. Hopefully, we will have support in legislature. The former Progress Energy building is on the system request list for next year.

Dr. Wisniewska answered questions about Holly's expanded role and growth in undergraduate programs. There are many ideas of possible areas to expand, which would be very good for the campus.

Dr. Tadlock reported on the following:

- Master academic plan: Dr. Tadlock described the process that will be followed to develop the plan including an open forums for faculty, meeting with senior faculty, Dean's Council, and others.
- The open position for a part-time CITL director was described.
- Michelle Madden, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, is continuing to take responsibility for program reviews, assessments, curriculum processes, organizing a Council.
- Kathleen Moore is working with Council to help prepare the interim SACS report due March 2017. This group will also take a leadership role in 4 years for the full review.
- College Scheduler should be implemented by spring.

- Four people are going to man a recruiting booth at a Beijing conference for the recruitment of high school students in October. Martin will also be visiting three universities during this same time to set up an exchange program. It is anticipated to take 3-4 years to build.
- There will be Friday classes scheduled in the spring, mostly likely General Education.

Dr. Tadlock asked & talked about:

- Faculty who would be interested in teaching opportunities overseas, who are currently teaching courses over there, even short (2-3 weeks) courses. Faculty could set up the number of credits and teaching could also be done over a sabbatical.
- Work abroad opportunities for students – teaching, usually with native teacher.
- Martin can help with articulation agreements if faculty have ideas.

VII. Action Items:

A. Election of Vice President

A description of the duties was given. Debra Sinclair was nominated by Steve Lang, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Senate.

B. Tenure and Promotion Guidelines

The Senate worked through the document, applicable in 2018. The 1998 standards apply to post-mid-tenured faculty. The language detailing “Distinguished Professor” was removed as that title is awarded, not earned via the Tenure and Promotion process. A few editorial corrections were made. The following statement will be added:

“The probationary period stipulated by the BOR-UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement will be utilized.”

A motion to approve was seconded and passed.

Executive Session:

VIII. Old Business:

A. Administrator Surveys

There was a poor response to the survey last year. Deanne will ask Chitra to find an instrument that will be anonymous and generate more feedback. Short surveys are better; the previous surveys have contained too many questions. Changes or responses to the survey findings should be documented and shared. This might be a good year because we have had a lot of changes, new leadership, and responsibilities reorganized. The Senate will take this up in October.

B. Recovering Faculty Senate Documents from Old Website

The Senate needs to look at charges for the Senate councils and committees and ensure that those are correct.

Exit courses under the responsibility of the Gen Ed Council

C. CAS Departmental Restructuring follow up – Tabled

IX. New Business

A. Inviting new administrators and other guests to present this year to the Faculty Senate

There are several administrators who would like to discuss issues such as Title IX, Wellness services, and other. Senators agreed it would be fine.

B. Committee on Committees

This item will be discussed via email.

X. Tabled Items: NA

XI. Reports:

- A. System Faculty Council – Deanna Michael and Debra Sinclair – The System council is looking at procedures.
- B. UFF – Steve Lang – Contract has gone out for vote
- C. College reports - tabled

Good of the order?

Debra Sinclair brought up the issue of best practices with regards to teaching. What options are there to ensure quality of teaching? She asked if governance documents address this.

XIII. Adjournment

3:12 pm

Dates for Future Meetings:

- October 7, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- November 4, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- December 2, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- January 13, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- February 3, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- March 3, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- April 7, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220
- May 5, 2016 1:00 pm Bayboro 220

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