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Task Force Examining Its Need To Continue

The Task Force for Contingency Budget Planning will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in ADM 222, and one of the topics for discussion will be whether or not it should continue to function.

The question surfaced last Friday after Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl Riggs reported he was told by Chancellor Robert Mautz that "there is no way we can terminate faculty...beyond what (has been) done."

If this is confirmed in writing as Dr. Riggs has requested, budget reductions for 1975-76 USF operations will have to be accomplished through means other than cutbacks in faculty positions - the original DOR guideline and part of the original charge to the Task Force.

President Riggs told the Task Force he had asked for written clarification since Chancellor Mautz's statement differed from his Feb. 6 directive to reduce permanent USF academic positions by 45.4 full time man years in 1975-76.

At the same time, Dr. Riggs urged the Task Force to continue its work and focus on the University's 1976-77 budget. After extended discussion, the decision was left open with unanimous passage of this resolution: "That the Task Force examine the charges of other pertinent councils and committees to determine the continued necessity of the Task Force."

Dr. Riggs said the group's overall charge could stand in terms of 1976-77 with special recommendations it might want to make for 1975-76. Also, he said, the Task Force could make suggestions in terms of what its new charge might be.

In other matters, the Task Force:

- Approved a resolution recommending "that any actions to reduce budgets be confined to improving efficiency in the assignment of personnel and to better utilization of funds rather than to involuntary terminations of faculty or staff personnel solely for financial reasons."
- Received a list of suggestions to raise University income, reduce expenses and make better utilization of funds and personnel.
- Tabled until its next meeting a resolution requesting rationales for funding allocations for the various vice presidential areas and the University as a whole.

Lobbying Laws Outlined

In an April 9 memorandum being widely circulated on campus, USF General Counsel Steve Wenzel has outlined the meaning and the impact of Chapter 74-161, Laws of Florida, which concerns "lobbying" by State employees and which was summarized for faculty and staff in the January 10 issue of Intercom.

Interested persons are encouraged to read the memorandum carefully. A copy is available in the "Documents of Current Interest," Special Collections, USF Library.

York Notes in 'Legislative Report':

BOR Goals Include University Pay Raises

Chancellor-designate E.T. York, in his legislative report last week, expressed optimism for three major BOR goals:

- Better funding for universities than seemed likely in the Governor's original budget recommendation.
- Pay increases for university employees.
- Greater management flexibility.

"The state's economic picture, while improving slightly during March," he said, "still is blurred..." However, movements now under way will allow the Legislature to increase appropriations...somewhat in excess of the amount recommended by Governor Askew and provide pay increases of five percent..."

Dr. York reported that House Speaker Don Tucker and Senate President Dempsey Barron have indicated support for increased flexibilities for the State University System and added:

"Prospects for biennial budgeting...have brightened considerably..." Askerw said in his opening address, "Too much of the time of administrators and legislators alike is consumed by budget-making. We should explore the possibility of having biennial budgets with an annual review."

UF-USF Joint Astronomy Program To Help Advanced Graduate Students

The first joint doctoral program at USF has been created between USF and University of Florida astronomy departments with the appointment of UF faculty members to the UF Faculty.

According to Dr. Heinrich Eichhorn-von Wurmb, chairperson of the UF department, the addition of the USF faculty members will "fill the gaps" in the UF graduate programs, making the joint USF-UF program "one of the most attractive astronomy graduate programs in the country."

"The chief beneficiaries of this cooperative program arrangement," explained SUS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Allan Tucker in a letter to USF Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carl Riggs, "will be the USF master's recipients who will be able to carry on advanced graduate studies in the UF astronomy program while still on the USF campus."

Professors who have received courtesy appointments to teach in the UF doctoral program are Dr. James H. Hunter Jr., Dr. Sabatino Sofia, Dr. Robert E. Wilson and Dr. Eichhorn. Appointed to teach in the UF master's program are Drs. Carol A. Williams, Dr. Edward J. Devlinney Jr. and Dr. Haywood C. Smith.

Two USF professors will teach at Gainesville during the spring term--Dr. Williams, teaching celestial mechanics, and Dr. Wilson teaching variable stars.

The joint USF-UF doctoral program in astronomy begins about six such programs which exist among SUS schools.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Any recorders, personal phones, etc., found ILLEGALLY attached to General Telephone Company lines will be removed by GTE installers. Personnel may request and pay for these services through Physical Plant’s Telephone Communications Department.

*Faculty and staff are reminded that books with the due date Apr. 1 (books checked out before Mar. 1), are to be returned or renewed. Books not returned will be assumed lost and the borrower will be billed for the replacement costs.

*Vacant Positions at USF:

- *Sec. III (4-25-75, med.), $6932; *Sec. II (4-18-75, med., St. Pete Campus), $6264; *Clerk II (4-25-75, rec. & reg.), $5575; Reg. Nurse III (4-30-75, stu. health serv.), $9834; Animal Tech. I (4-25-75, med.), $5575; Custodial Worker (4-18-75, stu. aff. - univ. ctr.), $5199. *Require testing. No position listed above may be filled before the Intercom’s printing schedule, positions re-advertised may have been filled by the date of this issue. Interested persons should contact Personnel Services, FAO 011 (974-2530), or “Job Line” (974-2879) for the latest information. Vacant positions of all State universities are posted weekly at locations throughout the campus, and Co-op and Placement Office. The deadline for submitting USF vacancies to Personnel Services is noon Wednesday. The University of South Florida is an affirmative action Equal Opportunity Employer.

*USF Personnel are reminded to keep the Campus Information Center (CIC) informed of any conferences, workshops, seminars, and other campus events they are planning for which both on- and off-campus participants will be involved. The CIC extension is 2235.

*Old Timer’s Dinner for those who were employed at USF prior to Dec. 1963 will be held at the Admiral Ben Bow Inn on Fri., evening, Apr. 25. Reservations are necessary. Contact June R. Miller, ext. 2621.

*Annual Group Insurance Premium Benefits Adjustment: The contract between the University and American Bankers Life Assurance Company of Florida requires an annual adjustment of premiums and benefits for all enrollees based on age and annual salary. Effective May 1, monthly life insurance premiums of affected employees will be automatically adjusted to the correct rate according to the table below. Memos to this effect are being distributed to each affected employee’s campus address. Affected employees wishing to cancel coverage prior to the adjustment must return a cancellation form to Personnel, Employee Benefits, FAO 011, by April 25, 1975.

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*Coverage reduced by 50% upon attainment of age 66.

*The Division of Procurement has received from Southern Bell in Atlanta a 1973 London Commercial Classified Directory. Will the department or individual who ordered this directory, please contact the Director of Procurement, ext. 2481.

*USF Women’s Club will meet Mon., Apr. 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the University Chapel Fellowship. Guest speaker is Harrison Covington, who will discuss several of his works, including the Library sculpture. A trip to the Library to view the sculpture is also planned.

*Join a group of fellow staff and faculty members for an inspirational, sharing experience through Informal Bible study each Tues. at noon in CTR 158.

*Career Service Women’s Luncheon: you are cordially invited to the Career Service Women’s Luncheon and Fashion Show on Tues., Apr. 29, CTR Ballroom, from noon-1 p.m. For reservations call Margaret, ext. 2791, by Fri., Apr. 25. Admission is $2.50.

*If you have not received your SUNCOM telephone directory please call Etainor Trent at 2143. Also contact Mrs. Trent if you need any extra copies.

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