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W. Reece Smith Selected To Be Interim President

William Reece Smith, prominent Tampa attorney and co-chairman of the USF Mission and Goals Task Force, was named last week as the interim president of USF, effective Sept. 1.

He will replace Cecil Mackey who resigned to assume the presidency of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Smith, 50, is currently president of Carlton, Ward, Emmanul, Smith and Cutler, one of the largest law firms in the state.

Smith, who will be taking a leave of absence from his firm to assume the presidency, commented that his main functions would be "working with the legislature and citizens in developing programs and making presentations."

The 50-year-old attorney has had a distinguished educational career. He attended Hillsborough County Public schools, received his B.S. from the University of South Carolina and a juris doctor degree from the University of Florida. From 1949 to 1952 he was a Rhodes Scholar at England's Oxford University.

As a Tampa resident, he has been active in community affairs. He has served as president and chairman of the Tampa Philharmonic Association and the Mental Health Society. Additionally, he has served as President of the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony and Director of Tampa's American Red Cross and Cancer Societies.

In 1960 he received the Tampa Jaycee award for the "Outstanding Young Man of Tampa" and five years later the Florida Jaycees presented him with the "Outstanding Service in Field of Government" award. He also currently serves on the Board of Counselors of the University of Tampa.

Smith's wife, Marlene Medina, is now serving her second term as a trustee of Hillsborough County college.

Mackey Partially Approves SG's A&S 1976-1977 Budget

Acting "to protect more than 30 USF permanent employees," President Cecil Mackey last week adopted the recommendations of the vice president for student affairs on Student Government's proposed 1976-77 activity and service fee budget.

"In addition to the ethical and moral questions involved," Dr. Mackey said, "I believe the decision is based on sound legal grounds which hold the president and vice president for student affairs accountable for the expenditure of all funds allocated by Student Government."

By his action, President Mackey:
- Approved a dozen accounts and programs as submitted by Student Government.

Dr. Robert Cox Chosen College of Business Dean

Dr. Robert G. Cox, chairperson of the USF finance department since September 1975, was approved last Friday by the Board of Regents as the new dean of the USF College of Business Administration.

Dr. Cox, a nationally recognized authority in accounting and finance, replaces Dr. Howard Dye, who resigned to return to full-time teaching and research duties.

A former dean of administration at Syracuse University, Dr. Cox, 56, has authored several accounting textbooks and written extensively on taxation and financial analysis.

Prior to joining USF last year, he was president of the Lincoln First Bank-Central in Syracuse, N.Y. He received his Ph.D. in 1956 in economics and finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce where he served as professor and vice dean from 1960-64.

In announcing the appointment of Dr. Cox, USF Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carl Riggs said "I have never known" or seen the vitae of a candidate for a College of Business deanship with a better blend of academic and private business experience than Dr. Cox. His accomplishments in both areas are outstanding. His leadership will bring a needed outside-inside balance to our College.

Dr. Cox has been a consultant in financial and economic analysis for numerous companies and trade associations. In 1973, he received the Business and Professional Education Council of New York's award for outstanding contributions to business and education.

He and his wife, Amelita, have three children and live in Belleair Beach.

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- Approved, with revisions, eight accounts "to ensure continued employment of USF staff members who would lose their jobs during the coming year under Student Government's budget proposals."
- Vetoed two Student Government programs - Common Learning Network and Media Guild.
- Approved increased funding for Intercollegiate Athletics and the Health Center.
- Withheld approval of 39 accounts pending further Student Government documentation and their recommendations from student affairs.
- Dr. Mackey's decision was in line with recommendations made Monday by Dr. Joe Howell, vice president for student affairs and development. The action also followed a Thursday afternoon meeting of Dr. Mackey, Dr. Howell, Yvonne Berry, president of Student Government, and David Sapp, president pro-tem of the USF Student Senate.

In announcing his decision, President Mackey said, "Dr. Howell made it clear throughout the process that we would not accept a budget which would arbitrarily eliminate permanent employees and the ability of the University to meet the programmatic needs of the entire student body of the University. The final budget proposal would do just that and to approve it would be a travesty on the State's Career Service System. Some of the affected employees have been with USF for more than 10 years and all are valued members of the University staff," he added.
USF's New Employees

INTERCOM wishes a sincere "welcome" to the following new employees whose names have been furnished by Personnel Services.


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Mackey Submits $9 Million Building Plan To York

USF President Cecil Mackey submitted building programs for a $7 million mass seating facility and a $2.1 million fine arts rehearsal/exhibition facility to Chancellor E.T. York last week for approval and forwarding to the Department of General Services for architectural appointments.

Part of a four-building package reviewed and approved by the Board of Regents in late June, these two buildings would be financed with $5.1 million in student building fees allocated to USF.

They are part of a USF proposal which also includes a campus book store and a USF-City of Tampa Fine Arts Center planned for downtown. The book store building program previously was submitted for review. Construction of these buildings would depend on future availability of funding from state, student building fees and other sources.

The mass seating facility is intended to be used for a variety of programs, including commencement exercises, athletic events and popular performers. Plans call for the main arena to have a seating capacity of between 10,000, training rooms, equipment check-out room, a practice/intramural court, locker facilities, offices and a press/reception room.

The fine arts rehearsal/exhibition facility will house an art gallery, an art preparation room, dance department facilities and multi-purpose space for Fine Arts performance rehearsals.

The proposed site for the events center is a 36-acre parcel of land south of the existing gymnasium. The fine arts building would be located on 9.6 acres adjacent to the present University Theatre.

Preliminary planning for the downtown Fine Arts Center calls for a $7 million facility, with half of the money coming from the University and the other half from the city.

EMPLOYEES NEW PAY SCHEDULE

In order to convert to the State Comptroller's payroll cycle, the following payroll distribution schedule will be followed for USF employees:

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Questions should be directed to the Payroll Office, ext. 2711.

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