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Binford Thanks Regents For Increased Faculty Role

At the Sept. 7 meeting of the BOR personnel committee, convened to consider changes in BOR tenure and faculty non-renewal policies (among others), SUS Faculty Senate Council President Jesse Binford expressed satisfaction with the process by which the revised policies were developed, although he and USF Professor Dr. Paschal Strong, who was also present, did make recommendations for substantive changes in proposed policies, most of which were adopted by the committee.

Praising Dr. George Bedell, Director, SUS Office of Personnel and Faculty Relations, for ensuring adequate consultation system-wide, Dr. Binford noted that the policy documents involved had been reviewed throughout the SUS by the appropriate institutional and system bodies for many months.

At the Sept. 8 BOR meeting, Dr. Binford expressed publicly appreciation for the increased role the Board now provides faculty at its monthly meetings. BOR Chairman Marshall Criser also expressed satisfaction with the process by which the new policies were developed and thanked Dr. Binford and the Faculty Senate Council for the important role it played.

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USF Sarasota Campus Marks Formal Opening

A luncheon for some 200 Sarasota and Manatee County community leaders last Friday marked the formal opening of USF's Sarasota Campus.

During the day-long observance, President Cecil Mackey hosted a reception for the faculty and staff of New College of USF and the faculty and staff of the Sarasota Campus.

The New College Foundation, which is raising $750,000 this year to help support the New College of USF program, also hosted a reception for USF representatives from both Tampa and Sarasota.

Classes for an estimated 450 students enrolled in the New College of USF program got underway Monday, and another 500 to 600 are expected to begin upper division and beginning graduate study on the Sarasota Campus Sept. 22.

President Mackey praised community leaders for their support of the once-private liberal arts college during the luncheon in Hamilton Center and hailed the opening of New College of USF as a milestone unique in American higher education.

Luncheon speakers also included Dr. Lester Tuttle, coordinator for USF regional campuses; Robert M. Johnson, District 74 State Representative; A. Werk Cook, chairman of the New College Foundation Board of Trustees, and Joseph Olander, special assistant for higher education to Commissioner of Education Ralph Turlington.
BOR Bargaining Position: One Unit to Represent All

The BOR position regarding the composition of the appropriate SUS collective bargaining unit of faculty and other related personnel was outlined in detail in the August 25 brief filed by PERC. The 142-page brief was submitted after extensive examination of 5,000 pages of testimony taken by PERC between March 10 and May 19. Copies are available on each campus.

The BOR's position is that the faculty and other professional employees of all academic disciplines should be included in a Systemwide bargaining unit.

The United Faculty of Florida (UFF) filed a petition with the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) on Dec. 16, 1974, seeking to represent some 6,000 to 9,000 employees of the SUS. The Florida Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) filed a motion to intervene on Dec. 19, 1974. It proposes a bargaining unit mainly limited to Instructional and Research personnel.

Five other groups are seeking to be excluded from any SUS unit and are asking for separate bargaining units: The Law Faculty Association (LFA); the Florida Nurses Association (FNA); the Florida Engineering Faculty Association (FEFA); the Health Center Faculty Association (HCF); and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Faculty Association (IFAS-FA).

New Council of Advisors Briefed On Areas Likely to Affect Future

President Cecil Mackey and USF vice presidents conducted the first of a series of orientation meetings for the University's Council of Advisors yesterday.

Vice Presidents Carl Riggs, Albert Hartley, Joe Howell and Ken Thompson reviewed highlights of their respective areas over the past two years.

They, along with Prof. Mackey, also reported on current programs and projects and trends likely to affect USF in the future.

The 20-member group, headed by Tampa Attorney Reece Smith, was created earlier this year to provide advice and assistance on significant issues affecting the University and public higher education in the state.

New Tenure Rules... (Cont. from page 1)

- Approval of a land acquisition and master planning proposal for the USF St. Petersburg Campus.
- Approval of 1975-76 capital outlay allocations for SUS, including $4.4 million for a USF College of Business building.
- Heard a report on USF response to the recent critical HEW letter to the Governor about desegregation in public higher education in Florida.
- Chairman Criser expressed his disappointment that the letter appeared to have been written "for cosmetic reasons" and without due recognition of progress in the SUS previously reported.
- Approval of the Chancellor's nominations of Dr. Joe Stafford as vice chancellor for planning and budgeting, Mr. Steve McArthur as vice chancellor for administration and Dr. Roy E. McAndrew as vice chancellor for academic programs. In making the nominations, Chancellor E.T. York stressed that the appointments would not require additional resources or positions. Additional information about the three new vice chancellors will be included in next week's INTERCOM.
- Appointment of BOR committees to review the performance of the presidents of FTU and FAMU, pursuant to Regents' policy requiring such review before the end of their fifth year of service. A similar committee is completing a review of the FSU president's performance.
- Direction to BOR staff to conduct a study on the appointment of SUS faculty and staff to the Boards of profit making entities (with involvement from the SUS Faculty Senate Council).
- Approval of the allocation of $998,363 for 46 "state-related research and public service projects," including eight at USF totaling $136,444. See next week's INTERCOM for further information.
- Approval (six-two) of a change in the FIU experimental grading system to establish the traditional A, B, C, and D grades but to include no "failing" or F grade.
- Granting of tenure to USF Professor Harold J. Keeler (College of Education) and two other SUS faculty members.

The next meeting of the BOR has been changed to Oct. 17 at the University of Florida.

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Staff Member's Photos Displayed

A one-woman photography show by USF staff member Suzanne Camp Crosby is showing through September at the Tampa Public Library in downtown Tampa. Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.