

Dean's Report to the College of Education's College Council

March 2, 2007

New Business

1. President Genshaft met with the leadership team of USF St. Petersburg on Tuesday, February 27, to invite our active participation in working with her to resolve and address any issues that we perceived to be inconsistent with us achieving our mission and vision for our institution and our respective units. She will be scheduling time to meet with each of the college faculties in the next few months to get to know the faculty members better and to hear from them their questions and suggestions for the governance and continuing development of the USF System. She also re-pledged her commitment to our separate accreditation, heralding this major accomplishment as a model and goal for all other branch campuses.
2. We have received an endowed gift to award the Frances Louise Stavros Scholarship for students in initial certification graduate programs in our COE for the 2007-2008 academic year. Graduate scholarships are reviewed and recipients selected in each college and not by the University Scholarship Committee.
ACTION ITEM: I need a recommendation and vote of approval from the College Council regarding which standing and/or ad hoc committee in the COE will review applicants for this scholarship.

Old Business

1. Defining Teaching Obligations/Faculty Roles and Responsibilities.
 - I have prepared a revised draft of Faculty Roles and Responsibilities based on feedback from COE faculty for discussion at the March 2 College Council meeting and COE faculty meeting. The attached draft is based in large part on the document that I presented to the COE faculty at the COE faculty meeting of February 2, 2006.
 - Following discussion at the faculty meeting, I will be asking for written feedback from faculty by March 19. I will incorporate suggestions and changes in preparation for discussion of the final draft at the April 13 college council meeting and the COE faculty meeting on that same day.**ACTION ITEM:** The College Council unanimously supports this process for soliciting and including faculty feedback on the draft and subsequent final version of the Faculty Roles and Responsibilities.

2. Faculty Searches

- Reading Education. I made an offer to Dr. Diane Brantley for the position of Assistant Professor in Reading Education, and she has accepted. The search for the associate professor in Reading Education remains open.
- Science Education. I have made an offer to one of the finalists in the Science Education search, and we are still in discussion.
- Educational Leadership. The two finalists for the Educational Leadership position will be interviewing on campus March 1 and 2. Once I receive recommendations from the search committee, I plan to make an offer.

New faculty search. We have been approved by Academic Affairs to search for a tenure-track faculty member to serve as Assessment Coordinator for the College of Education. This is not a new faculty line, but an existing line. Joyce Nutta is chairing the search. The position announcement is attached. It is also available on the HR website at

<http://usfweb2.usf.edu/HR/Employment/Faculty/Position9883.html>

3. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – I presented the results of the 2006 NSSE survey from freshmen and seniors at USF St. Petersburg at the January 19 College Council meeting. In addition to results from our university, student responses are compared to comparable institutions nationally. We have been asked by Academic Affairs to review the results and determine how faculty in each of the colleges would like to respond to these data.

ACTION ITEM: What is College Council's recommendation in order to engage all COE faculty in a review and discussion of the NSSE data?

RECOMMENDATION: Faculty will receive copies of the NSSE results with a cover memo of explanation after spring break and asked to read and be prepared to discuss these data at the April 13 faculty meeting.

