USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
September 20, 2017  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2017 Meeting
3. Welcome and Updates from Faculty Senate President Jim Garey (10 minutes)
4. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs  
   a. General Education – Kyna Betancourt (10 minutes)
5. New Business  
   a. Call for Proactive Items from the Floor – Jim Garey (15 minutes)
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 minutes)
7. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (30 minutes)
8. Report on USF System Faculty Council Activities – James Garey (5 minutes)
9. Update on USF Tampa Strategic Planning Process – Vice Provost Terry Chisolm (5 minutes)
10. USF System Strategic Plan – Edmund Funai, Senior Vice President for Strategic Development (20 minutes)
11. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)
12. Adjourn
President Jim Garey called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of April 19, 2017 were approved as presented.

WELCOME AND UPDATES FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey announced that the officer positions of Sergeant-at-Arms and Member-at-Large are still vacant and interested Senators should see him after the meeting. A change in the agenda was noted to move President Genshaft’s report up earlier.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft reported that her State of the University Address has been posted online. It contains information on where, and how, USF is moving forward. She expressed her pride in USF for achieving preeminent status and pointed out the levels recently achieved are now the new normal. At this time, Dr. Arthur Shapiro, President of UFF Tampa, spoke on behalf of that group in congratulating President Genshaft, Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox, Vice Provost Kofi Glover, Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith, and Vice Provost Paul Dosal on achieving preeminence and for allowing UFF to be a part of the discussion.

President Genshaft then reported the following items:

- USF’s research profile is 475 million dollars for all grants and contracts, making it second in the state.
- On November 11, 2017, USF will be celebrating the campaign goal of raising 1 billion dollars.
- Mr. Joe Hice has been hired as Chief Marketing Officer to work on a brand for USF Tampa to give it its own identity.
- At this time, a Hurricane Irma update video was played to show how USF faculty, staff and students worked together to provide assistance, services and support during the storm.
- USFSP Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska has been replaced with Dr. Martin Tadlock to serve as Interim Regional Chancellor. Dr. William Hogarth will provide assistance. All public records regarding this issue are available.
- Due to Hurricane Irma, it is unknown how the budget will be affected next year.
- Everyone was thanked for their great work.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. General Education Enhancement Update – Kyna Betancourt

Chair Betancourt’s presentation on the status of the General Education Enhancement plan consisted of the currently approved structure, suggested refinement, phased
implementation, and current work. Meetings of the General Education Council, as well as those of its subcommittee, are open to everyone. For more information, Senators were referred to the web site (http://www.usf.edu/undergrad/general-education-council/gened-revision/).

b. Council on Educational Policy and Issues – Nancy Cunningham

Chair Cunningham announced that the council is looking at open access policies, specifically those at Harvard University and Florida State University. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

c. Senate Vacancies - Jim Garey

President Garey announced that the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) will be looking at ways of filling Senate vacancies and will bring ideas to the Senate for consideration. Greg McColm mentioned that trying to get more people to run for the Senate and councils is something UFF has struggled with for some time. Getting people involved on campus may be a cultural thing; a component of USF. It is a common problem.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Call for Proactive Items from the Floor – Jim Garey

At this time, the floor was opened for Senators to provide suggestions on proactive items or issues that they would like for the Senate to address in the upcoming year. The following issues were suggested:

1. Can the Senate begin a discussion on the problems of recruiting quality students to programs because of the package offered as compare to packages they can get elsewhere? Senior Vice-Provost Dwayne Smith responded that the colleges have absolute control over this. The Senate can take it up for discussion, but there will not be consistent rules across campus.

2. There was concern about classes being taught by non-tenured faculty and a desire to see more instructor lines added. Also, the scheduling process seems to be problematic because of the way courses are plotted. Is there a way to figure out how to mediate between faculty and those who do the scheduling?

3. Can the Senate look into helping associate professors move on to full professor?

4. There is a desire to see all faculty accomplishments recognized.

5. The question was raised whether there is sufficient diversity of faculty at USF.
6. There was expressed concern about security at CBS leaving at 6 p.m. and could there be clarification on the policy.

7. It is difficult to recruit faculty in the Fine Arts due to the lack of funding. Students are being recruited to other areas after they start at USF. Could the admission standards be reviewed?

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox’s report consisted of the following items:

• USF’s enrollment this semester is the highest ever with a 1.7 percent increase. Student credit hours increased by 3.5 percent. Vice Provost Dosal and his team have done a remarkable job with keeping enrollment at USF on target.

• In response to comments about diversity of faculty, Senior Vice Provost Smith would be willing to share data on where USF finds itself.

• Due to the impact of Hurricane Irma that caused a 6-day closure of the university, the administration has been consulting with deans, department chairs and students to prepare a timely plan for the remainder of the semester.

• The General Education Council has created curricular space for nine hours and the faculty will be asked to look at ways to enhance their majors. Deans have been asked to work on undergraduate curricular enhancement.

• Senators were encouraged to consider serving on a textbook affordability workgroup co-chaired by Dr. Moez Limayem, Dean of the Muma College of Business and Mr. Todd Chavez, Dean of the Libraries.

• Legislative Session anticipations for 2018: Senate Bill (SB) 4 – STEM Higher Education Excellence Act is a revised version of SB374, vetoed last year by Governor Rick Scott because of the impact it would have on state colleges. If the statute passes, the university can be preeminent if it reaches a 60 percent, 4-year graduate rate, but for only 1 year. SB4 also includes a block tuition program approved by the Board of Trustees.

REPORT FROM PAUL DOSAL, VICE PROVOST FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

According to the U.S. Department of Education and SACS, USF does not have to extend the academic calendar for lost days due to the impact of Hurricane Irma, but it still needs to make sure it is maintaining student outcomes. At this time, the proposal is to work within the existing calendar. In addition, the deadline for submission of mid-term grades (October 9-24, 2017) will be kept intact. If, in the event USF needs to close in the future, the plan would be revisited. Any thoughts or concerns regarding these decisions should be sent to Vice Provost Dosal.

REPORT FROM TERRY CHISOLM, VICE PROVOST FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Vice Provost Chisolm announced that she and Dr. Pritish Mukherjee will be spearheading the next 5-year strategic plan and would like to have input from the Faculty Senate.
USF SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN – EDMUND FUNAI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Vice President Funai’s presentation of the USF System Strategic Plan, approved in June of this year, consisted of a brief overview and history:

- Development Process
- Goals: Leverage of the USF System, Activate Key Constituencies, and Be Widely Known for Excellence
- Current System Shared Services/Resources
- Adaptive Strategic Planning

An update will be available for presentation in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.