USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 18, 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 September 20, 2017 Meeting

3. Welcome and Updates from Faculty Senate President Jim Garey (5 minutes)

4. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 minutes)

5. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (35 minutes)
   a. Council Recommendations from Committee on Committees – Rick Will (action item)
   b. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Barbara Hansen (action item)
   c. Athletics Council – Tim Boaz (action item)
   d. General Education/Undergraduate Enhancement – Kyna Betancourt, Jill Roberts

6. Old Business
   a. Officer vacancies – Jim Garey (5 minutes)

7. New Business
   a. Senate Appointment Process – Jim Garey (5 minutes)

8. Report on USF System Faculty Council Activities – James Garey (5 minutes)

9. Report from UFF President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)

10. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (15 minutes)

11. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

12. Adjourn for Reception

Next meeting: November 15, 2017
President Jim Garey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND UPDATES FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

- Everyone was invited to attend the reception held immediately after today’s meeting in the Chamber.

- Senators were asked to identify themselves with their name and college before speaking to aid in any follow up that may be needed.

- The Faculty Senate web site will be moved. A rough picture of the new site will be available within the next month, with full implementation to be in effect by the Christmas Break.

- A presentation on Quality Matters will be given at the November meeting.

- Past President Phil Levy will present an update on campus climate at the November meeting.

- Senator Phil van Beynen has volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms, but has opted not to serve on the USF System Faculty Council. There is still a vacancy for the Member-at-Large position.

SENATE APPOINTMENT PROCESS – Jim Garey, Drew Smith

Due to the number of Senate vacancies, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) has looked at the current apportionment process to determine if there is a potential solution to the problem. One is to move the current process from a college to a departmental model. Based upon the model used at the UNC Charlotte, Parliamentarian Smith presented what the USF Faculty Senate Apportionment might look like, covering (1) the impact of changing from college-level to departmental-level representation (Academic Affairs) and, (2) the impact of changing from college-level to departmental-level representation (i.e., USF Health). Parliamentarian Smith pointed out that units with a small number of departments, such as the Honors College, could be represented by an at-large situation. The proposed language changes to the Bylaws and Constitution were also presented. The exact wording will be presented at the November Senate meeting with a vote to be taken at the January meeting. Then, it will be voted upon by the general faculty which requires a majority to pass. The final version must be approved by President Genshaft.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft’s report consisted of the following items:

- USF is watching the situation unfolding around Richard Spencer’s visit to the University of Florida.
• The BOG (Board of Governors) has called a meeting of campus presidents and provosts to discuss block tuition. It is anticipated it will be implemented for the incoming fall freshman class.

• Terrie Daniel, Assistant Vice President of Supplier Diversity, presented a strategic plan at the BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting last month in an effort to implement a pro-active business strategy for supplier diversity vendors.

• There will be 2 BOT vacancies as of January, 2018.

• November 14 is USF Day at the Capitol.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Council Recommendations from Committee on Committees (COC) – Rick Will

Chair Will presented a second round of nominees voted upon by the COC and approved by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The slate came to the Senate floor with a motion to approve from the COC. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed.

b. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Barbara Hansen

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair Hansen presented a brief synopsis of 2 honorary degree candidates: Mr. Daniel Libeskind for an Honorary Degree of Architecture and Dr. Andrew Hamilton for an Honorary Doctor of Science. The recommendations came to the Senate floor with a motion from the HAC to accept. No discussion was held, and the motion unanimously passed. The candidates’ dossiers will be forwarded to President Genshaft for her review and consideration.

c. Athletics Council – Tim Boaz

1. NCAA Results

As a member of the Athletics Council (AC), Vice President Boaz gave an update on the academic fraud issue that arose regarding the USF Basketball team. Upon investigation, the NCAA report released in September determined that it was not an issue of academic fraud, but rather that one assistant coach had provided impermissible benefits to two basketball recruits. The report acknowledged that USF’s cooperation was exemplary and that it had accepted its self-imposed corrections.

2. AC Nomination Process

The AC is a presidential council whose charge was reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate in 2009. The charge indicates that faculty nominations to serve on the AC should come from the Faculty Senate. These nominations are then forwarded to the president for appointment. To facilitate the process, Vice
President Boaz made the motion that an AC page be added to the Faculty Senate web site with links to the council materials, as well as adding AC faculty vacancies to the Faculty Senate call for nominations. The motion was seconded. No discussion was held, and the motion unanimously passed.

d. **General Education/Undergraduate Enhancement** – Kyna Betancourt, Jill Roberts

GEC Chair Betancourt reported that the council has approved the student learning outcomes and the information will be posted on its web site. It is anticipated there will be a call for course proposals by the end of October. The new enhancement plan has opened up curriculum space.

Undergraduate Council Chair Roberts emphasized that, given the new curriculum space, it is a good time to look at programs, as well as the student learning compacts. She recommended that a list of suggestions be put together as a guide for faculty to use to determine if a program should be retained. Chair Roberts was asked to bring back guidelines to the Faculty Senate as they are developed.

e. **Publications Council Chair** – Rick Will

The Publications Council needs a chair, and COC Chair Will is working with the council to elect someone. He anticipates having a chair by the end of the semester.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Officer Vacancies** – Jim Garey

Senator Philip van Beynen has volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. The Member-at-Large vacancy still needs to be filled. President Garey reiterated that the requirement to serve on the SFC (System Faculty Council) can be separated from these positions.

b. **SFC Vacancies** – Jim Garey

President Garey asked for volunteers from the floor to fill 2 vacancies. Nancy Cunningham, chair of the Council on Educational Policy and Issues, and Steve Permuth, Chair of the Graduate Council, volunteered. There being no further volunteers, a motion was made and seconded to appoint Ms. Cunningham and Dr. Permuth to the SFC. No discussion was held, and the motion unanimously passed.

**REPORT ON USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES** – Jim Garey

SFC President Garey reported that the regional institutions are interested in Archivum; however, it has yet to be determined if they will be able to use it. If so, they would have to pay for any modifications made pertinent to their needs.

The USF Strategic Plan was presented at the September meeting by Dr. Edmund Funai, Senior Vice President for Strategic Development, USF System. He will also present the plan to the other institutions.
REPORT FROM UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA – Gregory McColm

Senator McColm reported that due to Hurricane Irma the State Faculty Union was holding its state-wide Senate meeting during the upcoming weekend, and the K-20 union would be holding its state-wide meeting the following weekend.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox provided the following updates:

• Due to the recent hurricanes, USF is reaching out to US territories in the form of sending health care providers to the islands. In addition, faculty colleagues whose research activities have been disrupted are being offered housing in Tampa, with compensation, through the spring semester. If Senators have colleagues in this situation, they should contact Dr. Pritish Mukherjee about the program.

• Students from the territories who are interested in transferring to USF will be classified as transient students, effective through the spring semester. Tuition and fees would be assessed at in-state rates. Student concerns should be addressed by Billie Jo Hamilton, Associate Vice President for Financial Aid.

• SB4 (block tuition) will be approved by early spring 2018 to be effective for the summer/fall of 2018. USF administration would like to hear faculty thoughts or experiences that would help formulate a response to this complex issue. On November 1st there will be a workshop attended by all university presidents, provosts, and CEOs to address the range of possibilities. The SEC was asked to take up this issue at its next meeting and forward any counsel to President Genshaft and him.

• GEC Chair Betancourt and UDC Chair Roberts were complimented on their work with undergraduate enhancement. Senators were reminded not to lose sight of the fact that major curriculum redesign is another aspect of curriculum space created by the GE enhancement plan.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.