AGENDA
USF HONORS AND AWARDS COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 8, 2016
9:00-11:00 a.m., ALN 296

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2015 Meeting (5 minutes)

3. Discussion of Honorary Degree Nominations (50 minutes)
   a. Samuel Philander (CMS)
   b. James Martinez (PHARM)
   c. Jamie Merisotis (EDU)
   d. Loretta Ford (NUR)
   e. John Ramil (ENG)
   f. Jean-Francis Rossignol (COM)

4. Discussion of Nominations for Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award (30 minutes)
   a. Kathleen Armstrong (COM)
   b. Elizabeth Bird (CAS)
   c. Jaime Corvin (COPH)

5. FAQs for Faculty Senate Web Site (5 minutes)

6. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: March 3, 2016
1:30-3:30 p.m., ALN 296
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MINUTES
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Present: Debra Friedrich, Kamila Dell, Melanie Griffin, Barbara Hansen, Johanna Lasonen, David Naar, Razvan Teodorescu, Lei Wedge, Marzenna Wiranowska

Absentee Ballot: Mariaelena Bartesaghi

Guest: Entela Balliu

1. Call to Order, Introductions

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. after which introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2015

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Discussion of Honorary Degree Candidates

There were six honorary degree nomination packets received this semester. To aid in the discussions of each candidate, Honors and Awards Council (HAC) members from the respective colleges provided a summary of the candidate’s credentials.

a. Samuel Philander (College of Marine Science) – David Naar

After David gave a summary of Mr. Philander’s credentials, discussion was held during which it was noted that USF would be the first university to reward him an honorary degree. It was emphasized that Mr. Philander is not only a global and national player, but his work fits with the commitments of USF. A motion was made and seconded to award Mr. Samuel Philander an Honorary Doctor of Marine Science. The motion unanimously passed.

b. James Merisotis (College of Education) – Johanna Lasonen

During the discussion of Mr. Merisotis’ credentials, it was pointed out that he is a national and global player, working closely with the College of Education. Johanna confirmed that he is not currently employed by USF which would go against the honorary degree requirements. There was a call to question. A
motion was made and seconded to award Mr. James Merisotis an Honorary Doctor of Education. The motion unanimously passed.

c. James Martinez (College of Pharmacy) – Kamila Dell

During the summary of Mr. Martinez’s credentials, Kamila noted out that this would be the first honorary degree granted by the College of Pharmacy because it received accreditation during the Fall Semester 2015. The entire COPH faculty support the candidate. Although Mr. Martinez is not as nationally known as the other candidates, he does have a local and state presence. In addition, he was instrumental in getting pharmacy off the ground at USF, and pushed the idea that pharmacy should be part of the College of Medicine. Mr. Martinez also has a record of distinctive service in the military. Not only does he mentor students, but serves as a role model to pharmacists. There was a call to question. A motion was made and seconded to award the Honorary Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) to Mr. James Martinez. The motion unanimously passed.

d. Loretta Ford (College of Nursing) – Debra Friedrich

Dr. Ford is referred to as the “Florence Nightingale of Nursing” due to her pioneering and unification of nurse practice, as well as other primary care roles. She is internationally known as a nursing leader. Awarding Dr. Ford an honorary degree would be the first for the College of Nursing and would bring honor to USF. There was a call to question. A motion was made and seconded to award Dr. Loretta Ford an Honorary Doctor of Nursing. The motion unanimously passed.

e. John Ramil (College of Engineering)

Mr. Ramil is a USF graduate, as well an outstanding leader of TECO. In that capacity, he has created jobs for students in the area of engineering through USF’s co-op program. Mr. Ramil was appointed to USF’s inaugural Board of Trustees due to his supportive roles in USF’s College of Engineering, as well as the community. One member expressed concern about a potential conflict of interest due to his monetary contributions to USF. The issue was discussed, and it was decided that Mr. Ramil’s actions provide educational and employment opportunities for students and not just funding. There was a call to question. A motion was made and seconded to award Mr. John Ramil the Honorary Doctor of Engineering. The motion passed, with one deny.

f. Jean-Francois Rossignol (College of Medicine) – Marzenna Wiranowska

Dr. Rossignol has made global contributions to the field of medicine through his development of drugs to fight parasitic diseases. He was a past clinical professor at USF and currently holds an affiliate appointment in the Department of Internal Medicine. There he acts as a mentor to students and trainees of tropical medicine. Dr. Rossignol was also a Distinguished Lecturer at the 2010 USF Health Research
Day and continues to give lectures at USF. There was a call to question. A motion was made and seconded to award Dr. Jean-Francois Rossignol an Honorary Doctor of Medicine. The motion unanimously passed.

4. Discussion of Nominations for Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award

There were 3 nomination packets received the Kosove Graduate award this semester: Kathleen Armstrong (COM), Elizabeth Bird (CAS), and Jaime Corvin (COPH). Before discussing the candidates, Chair Griffin gave a brief overview and historical background of the award. She pointed out that only 1 individual could be selected to receive the award. It was recommended that this notation be included on future ballots; that is, council members can only vote on one candidate for all of the awards except for the honorary degree for which any or all can be approved.

After each candidate was extensively discussed, separate votes were taken. The results were as follows:

Kathleen Armstrong: 3 yes
4 opposed
2 abstentions

Elizabeth Bird: 7 yes
0 opposed
2 abstentions

Jaime Corvin 0 yes
8 opposed
1 abstention

The HAC will forward the recommendation to the Senate Executive and Faculty Senate that Dr. Elizabeth Bird be awarded the 2016 Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award.

5. FAQs for Faculty Senate Web Site – Melanie Griffin

Chair Griffin reported to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) that the HAC is working on FAQs for the Senate web site. The SEC was very supportive of the activity, and wants to see a copy before it is posted. Chair Griffin anticipates having a draft for the March meeting.

6. Other Business

a. A conference call will be set up for the March meeting.

b. Nomination packets received for the March review: 1 Distinguished Service Award and 3 Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.