AGENDA
HONORS AND AWARDS COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
2:00-4:00 p.m., ALN 216

1. Call to Order, Introductions

2. Discussion of Honorary Degree Packets [Discussant]
   a. John McConnell (MCOB) [Lei Wedge]
   b. Julio Frenk (COPH) [tba]
   c. Melanie Cooper (CAS) [Razvan Teodorescu]
   d. Michael Gessler (EDU) [Johanna Lasonen]
   e. Victor Dzau (MCOM) [Barbara Hansen]

3. Scheduling Spring Meetings: January 30 – February 3 and February 21 – March 3
   First 2017 meeting: Jan. 30, 31, Feb 1 or Feb 3 all from 2-4 pm;
   Second 2017 meeting: Feb 20 or Feb 21, 2-4 pm or Feb 22 12:30-2:30 pm or Feb 24 anytime

4. Election of Chair-Elect

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn
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Present: Lyndsay Boggess, Debra Friedrich, Melanie Griffin, Barbara Hansen, Johanna Lasonen, David Naar, Elias Stefanakos, Razvan Teodorescu, Lei Wedge

Ballot
Submitted: Kamila Dell

Guests: Entela Balliu, Jaime Corvin

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. after which introductions were made. Dr. Corvin attended the meeting to present the honorary degree nomination of Dr. Julio Frenk.

DISCUSSION OF HONORARY DEGREE PACKETS

Five honorary degree nominations were received for the Fall 2016 semester. To aid in the discussion, HAC members from the respective colleges (except for the COPH) presented summaries of the candidates.

a. Julio Frenk – Jaime Corvin

As Dr. Frenk’s nominator, Dr. Corvin presented a statement of his qualifications for an Honorary Doctor of Public Health. The floor was opened for discussion. The question was raised about his ties to USF. Dr. Corvin responded that as an international leader in public health, USF is making changes to its curriculum based upon Dr. Frenk’s work. Granting Dr. Frenk an honorary degree would also help to raise USF’s recognition. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Julio Frenk for an Honorary Doctor of Public Health. The motion passed with one deny.

b. John McConnell – Lei Wedge

In his role as one of the nation’s leading security experts and chairman of the Florida Center for Cybersecurity Board of Advisors, Vice Admiral McConnell has played a leading and essential role in elevating the University of South Florida’s cybersecurity efforts to become a national leader in education and research in this emerging technology sector. The floor was opened for discussion. It was clarified that Mr. McConnell is not on the USF payroll which would be in violation of the honorary degree guidelines. There being no further discussion, there was a call to question. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Vice Admiral John McConnell for an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration. The motion unanimously passed.
c. **Melanie Cooper** – Razvan Teodorescu

Dr. Cooper is best known for her impact on the advancement of science education, particularly in chemistry. Her involvement at USF features establishing research interactions with faculty working on chemical education, giving several seminars on evidence-based approaches to STEM education, and serving as the Barbara and Dean Martin Lecturer. The floor was opened for discussion. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Melanie Cooper for a Doctor in Science (*honoris causa*) degree on the basis of her remarkable professional achievements and significant contributions to the advancement of science education at the University of South Florida. The motion unanimously passed.

d. **Michael Gessler** – Johanna Lasonen

As Dr. Gessler’s nominator, Johanna presented a summary of his accomplishments which support the vision, mission, and values of USF such as community service, bilateral work with graduate students and teachers. Dr. Michael Gessler, Professor in the Institute for Technology and Education (*Institut Technik & Bildung*, ITB) at the University of Bremen, has distinguished himself through unique and excellent academic and community service achievements regionally, nationally and internationally to be a preeminent scholar and educator in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Career and Workforce Education in the United States). He has promoted and contributed to teacher and graduate education worldwide, including the College of Education at USF. Dr. Michael Gessler has engaged himself in exchanges with USF, based on the bilateral cooperation that was started in 2010, with regular visits of USF doctoral students to the University of Bremen every second year. The faculty members have also benefited from this international exchange program between USF and the University of Bremen. The floor was opened for discussion. No discussion was held. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Michael Gessler for a Honorary Doctor of Education. The motion unanimously passed.

e. **Victor Dzau** – Barbara Hansen

On behalf of the Morsani College of Medicine, Barbara reviewed the qualifications and accomplishments of Dr. Dzau. He is internally and globally known for his work on transitional medicine and is in support of increasing such research at USF. Dr. Dzau has conducted remarkably distinctive research which has led to special humanitarian contributions by saving and improving the lives of millions of people in Florida, the US and internationally through the therapeutics and medical interventions developed as a result of his early medical research. The floor was opened for discussion. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Victor Dzau for an Honorary Doctor of Medicine. The motion passed with 1 deny.

**SCHEDULING SPRING MEETINGS**

The solicitation for nominations for faculty awards for the Spring semester has been disseminated university-wide. In order to process the nominations, 2 meetings will be scheduled.
during the Spring semester. Ann will send a Doodle poll to the members to determine when those will be held. The deadline for the intent to nominate is December 16; packets are due January 13.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT**

Discussion was held about the term of office for the chair. Due to the learning curve involved with this position, the members agreed that it would be beneficial if the chair served two years instead of one. In addition, the chair-elect would have the added advantage of shadowing the chair during that time. Barbara was willing to serve a second year. Debra agreed to serve as chair-elect. A motion was made and seconded that Barbara Hansen would continue to serve as HAC chair a second year with Debra Friedrich serving as chair-elect. There was no discussion, and the motion unanimously passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Barbara reviewed the operating procedures of the HAC, specifically, the membership section. She has personally contacted deans of the colleges that have vacancies on the council. It is anticipated nominations from those colleges will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.