AGENDA
HONORS AND AWARDS COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 29, 2018
1:30-3:30 p.m., MSC 3700

1. Call to Order, Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2017 meeting

3. Discussion of Honorary Degree Packets [Discussant]
   a. Terry Fulmer (NUR)
   b. Victor Poirier (ENG) – Lee Stefanakos
   c. E. Albert Reece (MCOM)

4. Discussion of Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award
   a. Sara Crawley (CAS)
   b. Pamela Hallock-Muller (CMS)
   c. Sang-Hie Lee (ARTS) – Jeanne Travers

5. Discussion of Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching & Service Award
   a. Johnny ElRady (CAS)
   b. Jeanne Travers (ARTS)

6. Other Business

7. Adjourn

The next HAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 2:00-4:00 p.m., in MSC 3700.
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MINUTES
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Present: Mya Breitbart, Florence Desrosiers, Rachel Dubrofsky, Barbara Hansen, Kamila Dell, Lei Wedge, Johanna Lasonen, Lee Stefanakos, Jeanne Travers

Ballot
Submitted: Lyndsay Boggess, Debra Friedrich

Guest: Sarah Riordan, Commencement Office

After the meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Hansen, introductions were made. The Minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented.

DISCUSSION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES

Before opening the floor for the discussion of the dossiers, Chair Hansen reviewed the process for honorary degree nominations. After the dossiers have been reviewed by the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), the council’s recommendations are presented to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) for their review and approval. From there, the approved dossiers are presented to the Faculty Senate for a final review and approval before being forwarded to President Judy Genshaft for her consideration. It was clarified that the ballots filled out by the HAC members are only for internal use.

At this time, the council turned its attention to the discussion of the honorary degree candidates.

a. **Terry Fulmer (NUR) – Barbara Hansen**

Dr. Fulmer’s nomination was submitted by Dean Victoria Rich of the School of Nursing. Dr. Fulmer has dedicated 40 year of her life to improving the health of older Americans and truly exemplifies the kind of thought leader and accomplished practitioner. She is nationally and internationally renowned as a top expert in gerontology and geriatric nursing. As an educator, Dr. Fulmer has authored or co-authored more than 100 publications on geriatrics in high impact journals. She won the *American Journal of Nursing* book of the year award for seven of the books either written or edited by her. Dr. Fulmer’s contribution to health and medicine has truly transformed health care through her example, initiatives and advocacy for healthcare reform for older adults. The field of geriatric nursing has benefited from her research, scholarship and service at the global level. All her professional attributes align perfectly with USF’s values and ideals for high-quality education, partnerships and public service. No further discussion was held. A motion was made and seconded to approve and recommend Terry Fulmer, Ph.D., RN, FAAN for an Honorary Degree of Nursing. The motion unanimously passed.
b. **Victor Poirier** – Lee Stefanakos

Dr. Rajiv Dubey, chair of Mechanical Engineering, submitted Mr. Poirier’s nomination for an honorary degree of engineering. Mr. Poirier is an internationally recognized pioneer for the design, development and leadership in the commercialization of the most widely used artificial heart technology. He developed the first FDA-approved implantable ventricular assist devices that take over the pumping function of the heart. As of 2016, more than 35,000 of his devices have been implanted in patients for periods of more than 12 years. He has also developed 18 U.S. Patents based on his work, with additional patent applications pending. Mr. Poirier has received some of the world's most prestigious engineering honors and awards, including National Academy of Engineering Member and Engineer of the Year. He has published over 110 articles in academic journals that have received over 7,000 citations. Without a doubt, Mr. Poirier's career has been outstanding and interdisciplinary across the engineering and cardiovascular health fields. In addition, he has been highly engaged with USF by coauthoring an article with faculty in the USF Institute for Advances Discovery & Innovation (IADI), teaching as a guest lecturer and participating in a focus group for the USF Strategic Research Plan. After it was clarified that Mr. Poirier was not being paid for his services to USF as a retired faculty member, a motion was made and seconded that he be approved and recommended for an Honorary Degree of Engineering. The motion unanimously passed.

c. **E. Albert Reece** – Florence Desrosiers

Dr. Reece’s nomination for an honorary degree of medicine was submitted by Dr. Catherine Lynch, USF Health Faculty Affairs, on behalf of the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Reece is a leading figure in academic medicine with a long track record of sustained and meritorious activity. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself through extraordinary dedication to medical education, research, patient care and public service. He has served in several administrative positions and currently holds the titles of Vice President for Medical Affairs, the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, and Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Reece’s impressive scientific prowess is evidenced by his academic output which includes editing 12 textbooks, authoring 5 monographs; and contributing over 500 articles, chapters and abstracts to the scientific literature. He is actively involved in research. His research has earned him a position in the National Academy of Medicine. This is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. He has been involved with the University of South Florida on many occasions. He delivered grand rounds to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the past five years and will be on campus during the month of February to again participate in the academic activity of the department. Beyond the recognition and success that he has earned in his professional life, Dr. Reece has always made time to serve his local community. His leadership demonstrates his significant contribution to the medical field and society at large. There being no further discussion of Dr. Reece’s nomination, a motion was made and seconded
to approve and recommend E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.O.G., for an Honorary Degree of Medicine. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION OF KOSOVE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

Three nominations were received for consideration of this award: Sara Crawley, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences; Pamela Hallock-Muller, College of Marine Science; and Sang-Hie Lee, School of Music, College of The Arts. Chair Hansen reminded the council members that only 1 individual could be selected to receive the award. At this time, the credentials of the three candidates were discussed. To keep the selection process anonymous, a paper ballot was used. By majority vote, the council selected Dr. Pamela Hallock-Muller to be the recipient of the 2018 Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award.

DISCUSSION OF KOSOVE DISTINGUISHED UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARD CANDIDATES

Two nominations were received for this award: Johnny ElRady, Cell Biology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology, College of Arts and Sciences and Jeanne Travers, School of Theatre and Dance, College of The Arts. Since Ms. Travers is a member of the council, she rescued herself from the discussion. After a lengthy discussion of the candidates, a paper ballot was used to vote. Based upon the majority of the votes, Dr. ElRady was selected to be the 2018 recipient of the Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award. Ms. Travers will be encouraged to reapply.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held as to whether or not HAC members can apply for awards. It was agreed that a clear statement needs to be made either in the council’s charge and/or in the award guidelines.

It was clarified that HAC members can nominate colleagues for honorary degrees, as well as the faculty awards administered under the auspices of the USF Faculty Senate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.