USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 21, 2018
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2018 Meeting (action item)

3. Report from Faculty Senate President Jim Garey (5 minutes)

4. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (30 minutes)
   a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Barbara Hansen (action item)
   b. Undergraduate Council Charge Revisions – Rick Will/Jill Roberts (action item)

5. Report from Coach Charlie Strong (15 minutes)

6. Old Business
   a. Campus Climate Update – Phil Levy (20 minutes)

7. New Business

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

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

10. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (20 minutes)

11. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (20 minutes)

12. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Next meeting: April 18, 2018
Faculty Senate President Jim Garey called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. After a review of the agenda, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the meeting of February 21, 2018. There were no revisions or discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT GAREY

- The proposed HB423/SB4 is now law. A USF consolidation task force will be created. At this time, no faculty representative has been designated. A formal letter will be sent to Brian Lamb, BOT Chair, to have a faculty member appointed to the task force. The timeline for the implementation is: Task force reports to the BOT by February 15, 2019. BOT puts together a plan using input from the task force by March 15, 2019. Plan implementation goes into effect Fall Semester 2020.

- President Genshaft approved the revised Faculty Senate Constitution on February 28.

- Due to some confusion with the new election process, the deadline for receipt of nominations has been extended to April 16. Nothing changes for the USF Health process. For Academic Affairs, elections are held within departments using the new form. Senators were encouraged to become involved with the election process in those departments that need representatives.

At this time, the floor was opened for any announcements, successes, or accomplishments Senators wanted to mention on behalf of themselves, colleagues or programs. No comments were offered.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Barbara Hansen

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair Hansen presented the following faculty award recommendations for 2018:

- Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi, Morsani College of Medicine, for the Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award
- Dr. Robin Ersing, College of Arts and Sciences, Distinguished Service Award
- Dr. Dennis Ledford, Morsani College of Medicine, Distinguished Service Award

All recommendations came from the HAC with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed. The recommendations will be forwarded to Provost Wilcox for his consideration.
b. **Proposed Undergraduate Council Charge Revisions** – Jill Roberts

As chair of the Undergraduate Council (UGC), Dr. Roberts presented the following proposed language changes to the section of the council’s charge addressing the appointments of undergraduate students to serve on the council.

The Undergraduate Council voted in favor of making the following change to its charge:

**Current language:** Three undergraduate students to be appointed for one-year terms; may be reappointed

**Proposed language:** Three Undergraduate students representing no fewer than three different colleges or units that have voting representation in the Faculty Senate; to be appointed by the Undergraduate Council chair for one-year terms; may be reappointed.

Chair Roberts explained that the council wanted to make the language more clear as to how undergraduate students are appointed to the council. The proposed language gives more opportunity for students across colleges to apply. The floor was opened for discussion. Dr. Roberts clarified that if there were no volunteers from three different colleges, no one would be appointed. Provost Wilcox suggested that the council should consider having those students appointed by the dean of Undergraduate Studies to provide more stability. Dr. Roberts will present this amendment to the council and resubmit the amended language for consideration by the appropriate groups. President Garey added that all councils need to handle the appointment of undergraduate students the same way. The suggestion was made that graduate student appointments could be made by the dean of Graduate Studies. He asked chairs who have students serving on their councils to review the appointment process stated in their charges and prepare proposed language.

c. **Report from Publications Council Chair Steve Walczak**

Chair Walczak reported that the council has received a small amount of funding and is now functioning. Senators were asked to let their departments know that there is some funding available for publications.

**MESSAGE FROM COACH CHARLIE STRONG**

Coach Strong expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the Senate and to share his mission, goals and vision for the USF football players. He expressed his willingness to work with faculty in any way he can to develop a working relationship between them and him. Everyone was welcomed to stop by to watch the team practice. Provost Wilcox commented on Coach Strong’s unqualified commitment to academic student success with which faculty have a responsibility to assist.
OLD BUSINESS

a. Campus Climate Update – Nancy Cunningham

On behalf of the Campus Climate Ad hoc Committee, Ms. Cunningham presented a revised Statement of First Principles to accompany the committee’s final version of the statement (dated March 13, 2018) to assure students that the faculty were allies in the face of threatened violence. This statement was created after the USF Faculty Senate was tasked to do so by Provost Ralph Wilcox. The committee was seeking a vote of endorsement of the statement from the Faculty Senate. No discussion was held. The statement was unanimously endorsed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for today’s meeting.

REPORT ON USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – Jim Garey

President Garey reported the following:

• Last month, the council reviewed draft guidelines for following policy 10-055.
• During its discussion of the proposed consolidation, he charged each Senate with exploring faculty shared governance models from multi-campus universities under a single accreditation (AAU).
• Past President Greg Teague gave a USF System Strategic Plan update.
• Future topics include the guiding principles for the Consolidation Task Force and the USF System Strategic Plan.

REPORT FROM UFF PRESIDENT ARTHUR SHAPIRO

President Shapiro reported the following results of the annual elections: Arthur Shapiro, President; Steve Lang, Vice President; Gregory McColm, Secretary; and Sonja Wilmath, Treasurer.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft first reviewed the highlights of her video to the USF community that addressed the consolidation of the three institutions. She added that the consolidation passed without issue and was signed immediately by Governor Scott. A USF consolidation task force will be set up and chaired by the chair of the BOT. She emphasized that this task force is advisory only. Whatever plan the BOT passes will go to the BOG for final implementation. Task force appointments will be made by March 30. The overarching issue is that there will be one unified accreditation instead of three. SACS will be able to assist with looking at different models of institutions that are made up of multiple campuses under one accreditation. Accreditation will be done by faculty and administration following SACS guidelines. The important thing to stress is what is best for the students. This should drive the decisions.
OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Robin Ersing was congratulated for her Distinguished Service Award nomination.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.