USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
March 6, 2019
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Marshall Student Center 3700

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2019 Meeting (action item)

3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (25 minutes)
   a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Lee Stefanakos (action item)
   b. Update on Library Council – Jenifer Schneider
   c. Election Update – Robin Ersing

4. Old Business (40 minutes)
   a. Update on Letter to Board of Trustees regarding Consolidation – Tim Boaz
   b. Discussion of CIC Workgroup Reports
   c. Revised Tenure & Promotion Guidelines – Greg Teague

5. New Business (25 minutes)
   a. Student completing evaluations after receiving FF. -- Tim Boaz
   b. Reading days/dead week. -- Tim Boaz
   c. NCFDD Faculty Success Program. -- Jenifer Schneider

6. Report from Provost Ralph Wilcox (15 minutes)

7. Report from USF System Faculty Council – Tim Boaz (5 minutes)

8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

9. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: April 4, 2018
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Present: Scott Besley, Tim Boaz, Amber Dumford, Robin Ersing, Barbara Lewis, Richard Manning, Steve Permuth, Jill Roberts, Alicia Rossiter, Oma Baliram Singh, Jenifer Schneider, Elias Stefanakos, Philip van Beynen, Steve Walczak, Rick Will Provost’s Office: Paul Dosal, Pritish Mukherjee, Dwayne Smith, Ralph Wilcox Visitors: Greg Teague, Michael Gillespie (President, USFSM Senate) and his two students Paige Jagel and Garrett Larson

President Tim Boaz called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The minutes from the meeting of February 6, 2019 were approved as presented.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Lee Stefanakos

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair Stefanakos presented its recommendations for the following awards. All recommendations came to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) with a motion to approve. The three (3) candidates will then be forwarded directly to the Provost for approval as stated in the guidelines of the awards.

Theodore & Venette Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Marna Greenberg, DO, MPH, CPE, FACEP, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida and Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network Campus

It was agreed that a publication record would be added to this application. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve Dr. Greenberg for the Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award unanimously passed.

Distinguished Service Award

Four nominations were received for this award. On behalf of the HAC, Chair Stefanakos presented the council’s top candidate:

Dr. Catherine Batsche, Associate Dean, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida. No discussion was held. The motion to approve the candidate for the Distinguished Service Award unanimously passed.
The Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teaching Award

Three nominations were received for this award. On behalf of the HAC, Chair Stefanakos presented the council’s top candidate:

Dr. Razvan Teodorescu, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences. It was agreed that a clarification on the number of new courses taught would be added to this application. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the candidate for the Distinguished Teaching Award unanimously passed.

b. Update on Library Council – Jenifer Schneider

The Library Council is up and running. The important thing to consider is what will happen with the Elsevier arrangement. Faculty input is important. Elsevier is the largest agreement our library has; it is very important that it is negotiated with input from the faculty. As for changes in the way the library works, it would be helpful to have a presentation at a senate meeting. The council will schedule a time to follow up on this. President Boaz states that Alessio Gaspar has been elected chair of the Library Council and Jenifer Schneider is co-chairing it.

c. Election Update – Robin Ersing

Secretary Ersing reported that the deadline for Senate nominations is March 8. A reminder was sent out last Monday—the response rate was poor—and another is being sent out as we speak. She explained that they have worked closely with Adam Caskie, Associate Director, Office of Decision Support, to look into requests for representation on the Senate: one is from the Patel College of Global Sustainability; another is from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), a unit within the College of Engineering. The primary affiliation of the faculty needs to be determined. Provost Wilcox explains that Patel is a recognized stand-alone college; there are many full-time faculty in Patel. Secretary Ersing will follow up with both to determine representation.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Letter to Board of Trustees regarding Consolidation – Tim Boaz

The Board of Trustee’s (BoT) met yesterday. They were happy to hear from faculty members and agreed with some of the concerns, such as budgetary silos; but reaffirmed their support for the branch campus designation for Sarasota-Manatee and St. Petersburg.

b. Discussion of CIC Workgroup Reports

President Boaz stated that his interpretation was that the CIC report did not argue on behalf of Regional Chancellor’s having hiring and firing ability nor an autonomous budget. Vice Provost Mukherjee stated that the CIC report uses the word “regional campuses” as a middle ground. Provost Wilcox stated that students and faculty must be kept at the forefront of the process to make good decisions. It was concluded that
SACSCOC will make the final decision on what model we fit.

c. Revised Tenure & Promotion Guidelines – Greg Teague and Michael Gillespie

Greg Teague explained the process and timeline. On February 21, at the SFC meeting, inter-campus differences were presented. The draft is now making its way to the March and April Senate/SFC meetings for final approval by the three (3) Senates and the SFC. As needed, the SFC will do final approval in May and June. The process must be completed by July 1, 2019. The definition of excellence in terms of research and the pathway with which a portfolio goes forward were some of the important considerations. One set of T&P guidelines for all three campuses is the goal.

After a general discussion on topics such as the regional chancellor’s role in evaluating faculty and a faculty member’s tenure home, it was concluded that more input is needed. Steve Permuth asked that the UFF be included sooner than the July 1, 2019 deadline. It was noted that the UFF is included because Steve Lang of UFF was included on the committee. It was agreed that the draft document be posted to Box by Friday March 8 for all members of the Senate to see and provide input on.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Student completing evaluations after receiving FF – Tim Boaz

The issue was raised at USFSM about whether there should be a policy on handling student evaluations of instruction from students have been given an FF due to violations of the Academic Integrity Policy. This not currently an urgent issue for USF-Tampa but needs to be discussed in depth at a time not too far in the future.

b. Reading days/dead week – Tim Boaz

Scheduling reading days for Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving is not ideal. Many students went home for break and missed two class times. In addition, students missed another class time due to Hurricane Michael in October. A way to resolve this is to have a dead week with no classes and assignments. A suggestion from the floor is to delay final exams by two or three days. President Boaz states that input is needed from all faculty members. On the schedule for fall 2019 is the Thursday-Friday arrangement immediately preceding finals. It was agreed to approve what we have on the schedule for fall and then call a faculty meeting to get more input from all faculty members.

c. NCFDD Faculty Success Program – Jenifer Schneider

This will be pushed to the next meeting due to lack of time.

REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Dr. Wilcox relinquished his time due to the lateness of the hour.
REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TIM BOAZ

President Boaz reported that curriculum consolidation has a deadline in May. This comes from Vice Provost Terry Chisholm’s office. President Boaz summarized his understanding that this involves no changes in actual courses and no changes in actual pre-requisites in courses. Provost Wilcox confirms that although it is not as easy as just merging three syllabuses together, we do not want to create something substantively new.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: April 4, 2018
Chair Lamb,

Attached, you will find a letter from the USF Tampa Faculty Senate to the Board of Trustees expressing our opposition to one of the recommendations of the Consolidation Task Force. The USF Tampa Faculty Senate is an elected body that represents the nearly 1700 full-time faculty of USF Tampa. This letter was approved by a nearly unanimous vote of the Senators at a very well attended Faculty Senate meeting this week.

We recognize that many among our colleagues at St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee are very invested in obtaining a branch campus designation and that this is motivated by a strong desire to maintain the campus identities they have worked so hard to develop. I want to make clear that our objection is not to the maintenance of unique identities at the regional institutions. Many on this campus, too, recognize the value of maintaining those campus identities and look forward to working with regional colleagues in that context. Rather, our objection is to the budgetary and organizational structure proposed by the Task Force, which would maintain a strong degree of separation along campus boundaries of faculty within academic departments, where the real work of student success and faculty productivity gets done. The proposed structure would seriously undermine the institution’s potential to function effectively at the departmental level and would make it more difficult for all of us on all campuses to be successful.

Best regards,

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Media Response to Letter to USF Board of Trustees

USFSP Student Newspaper – The Crow’s Nest
https://crowsneststpete.com/2019/02/24/tampa-faculty-squash-st-pete/

Tampa Bay Times

Oracle

Response from USFSP and USFSM Faculty Senates