USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 20, 2019
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 20, 2019 Meeting (action item)

3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (10 minutes)
   a. Election Update – Robin Ersing

4. Old Business
   a. Revision of USF T & P Guidelines – Greg Teague (20 minutes)
   b. Update on USF President Search (10 minutes)

5. New Business
   a. Update on Fulbright Awards at USF – Darlene DeMarie (15 minutes)
   b. USF SAFE App – Audrey Clarke, USF PD (15 minutes)
   c. Discussion of BOG Survey (15 minutes)

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

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

8. Report on USF System Faculty Council Activities – Tim Boaz (5 minutes)

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

10. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Next meeting: April 17, 2019
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Call to Order, Review of Agenda
Senate President Tim Boaz explained that there will be a change to the agenda: System President Judy Genshaft will not be able to attend the meeting today.

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2019 Meeting
A motion by Senator Rick Will to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

Reports by Officers and Council Chairs

Election Update – Robin Ersing
Secretary Ersing presented two pieces of information on the election. First, USF Health has completed their nominations for senators. There were 12 open seats in Academic Affairs: four have been filled, four are in progress, and four have not received responses. Second, please watch your email for the election form for Officers.

Senate President Tim Boaz read the list of faculty award nominations forwarded from the Honors and Awards Council this spring:

• Theodore & Venette Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award: Dr. Marna Greenberg, USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
• Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Catherine Batsche, Associate Dean, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
• Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award: Dr. Rebecca West Burns, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education
• Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award: Dr. Jeanne Travers, School of Theatre and Dance, College of The Arts
• Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award: Dr. Razvan Teodorescu, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences

The committee’s letter, sent to the Provost’s Office Friday, was positively received.
Old Business

Revision of USF T & P Guidelines – Greg Teague
Senate President Tim Boaz explained that in terms of the consolidation process, the Senate has a significant role: We have to develop and approve a revision of the USF T&P Guidelines. Greg Teague stated that each senator had received a link to the T & P revision documents in Box. In one document, senators would have seen changes in red line in the document. In another document, senators would have received an annotated document with some explanations of the revisions that were made.

Of note is that the documents are UFF (United Faculty of Florida) informed. Steve Lang, a UFF officer, is a member of the committee with Greg Teague and Mike Gillespie (USFSM Faculty Senate President). The process was started as a result of recommendations from the CIC Faculty Governance Workgroup.

In terms of a timeline, the guidelines need to be in place by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019) in order to anticipate the possibility that the union is not able to approve it in its entirety.

Following is a list of substantive items, in the order of appearance in the document. 1) Explicit language regarding equitability of assignment and opportunities. 2) Retention of language on written criteria for collegiality. 3) Changes in tenure clock to accommodate structural changes. 4) Request for higher level review of mid-point evaluation. 5) Opportunity to disqualify potential reviewers. 6) Retention of optional procedures for reviewer name redaction. 7) Voting by faculty serving on two committees. 8) Assurance of appropriate representation on committees.

The documents included a 'guidance' document that contains recommendations regarding implementation of the revised guidelines through consolidation (including issues related to development of unit/college guidelines, adjustments to tenure clock, and the process of revision). Much of this comes from the work of the CIC Workgroup on Faculty Governance. In a consolidated university, a faculty member’s geographical home is not necessarily the same as his/her academic home.

It was suggested that all senators weigh in with comments, with input from their faculty members, in the red line document. A motion was made that input provided from senators in the red line document will be considered in a revised T&P Guidelines document that will be presented and voted on by the Faculty Senate at the April Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved.
Update on USF President Search
The President’s search is underway. The four candidates were interviewed today in Traditions Hall. Tomorrow, those four finalists will make their rounds visiting each of the three campuses. Friday, the Board of Trustees will interview the four candidates. By Friday afternoon, we should know who the seventh president of the University of South Florida will be.

New Business

Update on Fulbright Awards at USF – Darlene DeMarie
USF has been a top-five producer of Fulbright Awards for the past five years. In 2016 and again in 2018, USF was the top producer. Dr. Wilcox introduced and gave an award to Darlene DeMarie. Dr. DeMarie is a two-time Fulbright faculty scholar. She has played a major role in USF’s success with producing Fulbright scholars by generously helping other faculty members with their Fulbright applications. The deadline for Fulbright applications is August 1.

USF SAFE App – Audrey Clarke, USF PD
Audrey Clarke, Information Officer from the USF Police Department, explained that it is desirable for faculty members to know what is provided to students in terms of campus safety. A USF Safe video was shown to highlight how the application, launched in the fall, works. One feature is location sharing, or friend walk, which can be sent by text to a friend. This feature is not monitored by the police. Report a tip, another feature, is a way to get help from USFPD. The app also allows you to register your property with USFPD. If you are on campus, all 911 calls made from the campus will go directly to the USFPD, not to the Hillsborough County police. One of the senators noted that Engineering Building I does not have a stable cellular signal. This was noted by Audrey Clarke who promised to forward and act on the information.

Discussion of BOG Survey
Florida HB 839 is proposing that the Board of Governors be required to survey each SUS institution and produce an annual report on intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity. The consensus was that faculty members must feel free to express their viewpoints on campus and in the classroom.
Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox

Provost Wilcox spoke of three workgroups that will be moving forward in the coming weeks: faculty success, graduate and professional student success, and building a digital ecosystem for the University of South Florida.

The Senate and the House have presented draft higher educational budgets. The House is proposing base funding reductions while the Senate is proposing a modest increase for the SUS budget. The State Senate has proposed $80 million for the state preeminence program. Thus, our focus on preeminence continues to be vital for our funding.

Unifying admissions process and the unification of other critical support functions across the three campuses have already started.

The legislature is considering allowing the use of carry-forward funds for some capital improvement. If you have funds that are arguably not needed for operational purposes, they could be used here. There are some limitations on the amount and purpose. Renovation is emphasized.

HB 727 and SB 1080 wants to criminalize hazing. The faculty voice has been very important in the past and could be again if you make yourself heard.

Report on USF System Faculty Council Activities – Tim Boaz
Senate President Tim Boaz explained that he had nothing further to report.

Report from UFF President Arthur Shapiro
Greg McColm spoke on behalf of Arthur Shapiro. Volunteers are needed to help count ballots. A constitutional amendment vote will take place at the Friday morning meeting to push the (election) deadline back a week and a half. On another topic, UFF members have visited legislators to ask them to “fund our future.” A government relations committee is being established to ask legislators for more money. If you are interested, please contact Greg McColm.

Other Business from the Floor
Since there was no other business, the meeting closed at 5:22 PM. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2019.