

University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2010
9:00 A.M.

I. Recognition of Members and Alternates: John Arthur, Richard B. Smith, Grover Kearns, Brianne Reck, Malcolm Butler, Patricia Pettijohn.

II. Recognition of Guests: Margaret Sullivan, Gwyn Senokossoff, Anita Sahgal-Patel, Mark Pezzo.

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimously approved with one addition: Discussion of Tobacco Free Campus initiative.

IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: February minutes by Malcolm Butler, sent to Brie, he will forward to FS for approval.

Action Items:

A. Approval of proposed Smoke Free Campus Initiative- Pezzo and Sahgal-Patel presented information: January 2011 rollout; no need for designated smoking areas in an urban area; smoking cessation classes and support will be offered; no arrests and no firing of those caught smoking on campus. FS voted unanimously to support the initiative, Kearns made motion, Pettijohn seconded motion.

VI. Business Items for Discussion:

A. Administration Reports:

1. Chancellor's Report: Discussed increased interest in STM programs in legislature. Discussed early retirement offer for faculty. Discussed drop in PICO funds and impact on accreditation. Discussed continuing need for assessment work as this was what got USFSP off probation. Discussed USF Systems meetings and governance model; need for student governments to develop autonomy and shared system governance.

2. Regional Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report: not present.

B. President's Report:

1. Meeting of Senate Presidents with Sr. VP Wilcox: March 29th meeting on USFSP campus planned. Discussion of shared governance structures continue in meetings convened by Wilcox with Senate Presidents.

2. Charter amendments: Amendments to the FS charter presented and discussed. Senators to return to Councils with proposed amendments for Councils to consider, discuss and respond to FS by the next FS meeting in April. Amendments include change in terms for FS president to two years and for all Senators to three year terms. Lengthy discussion of how to transition from current terms to longer terms.

3. Elections: FS will need new committee appointments by May meeting.

4. Administrator performance feedback: FS discussed instrument, survey questions and distribution of survey. Survey approved by FS for distribution by Assessment committee.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Committee on Committees: Need to keep website current for accreditation. Website pages for some committees to be added, and end of year reports solicited.
2. Other Committees: No reports

D. College Reports:

1. CAS: Discussion of proposed change to M.A. in Liberal Arts program; discussion of international affairs/study abroad program—CAS hopes to develop/encourage international study and use USF system resources to support international programs.
2. COB: Discussion of proposed change requiring that classes meet twice a week, posing problems for COB faculty; seen as an incentive for moving to online only classes; COB faculty question the value of the change for their students.
3. COE: Has approved annual review guidelines and mounted relevant documents.
4. Library: Report progress on library faculty constitution/by-laws revision; faculty promotion guidelines and status of new faculty search/hire process.

Announcements: Remind Faculty, Meet with Wilcox, March 29th.