

University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2010
9:00 A.M.

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

II. Recognition of Guests: Margaret Sullivan, Gwyn Senokossoff.

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimously approved with one addition: Discussion of emeritus faculty: three faculty nominated for emeritus status: David Carr, Jerry Lander and Bob Hall.

IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Action Items:

- A. Approval of proposed charter amendments- Reck, Smith, & Kearns; Senators report that all Councils approved amendments, Kearns made motion, Riedinger Whitmore seconded, FS unanimously approved.
- B. Approval of administrator performance feedback instruments and process: Discussion, Grover proposed motion, Smith seconded, unanimously approved.
- C. Consideration of transition plan for senate terms: Discussed, motion to extend terms of all Senators for one year, with understanding that it is the term extended, and that a Senator may step down from extended term of service; replacement would serve the remainder of term only. Pettijohn proposed motion, Kearns seconded, unanimously approved by FS.
- D. Consideration of USF Strategic Plan: Extended discussion among FS and Chancellor of proposed USF systems strategic plan. “No harm” but not groundbreaking; important that FS distribute copy of strategic plan to their constituents and ask for feedback to route to Brie. Response needed quickly. Discussion of need to include technology and DL issues in strategic planning; need to identify goals and tie goals to strategies.
- E. Proposed change in qualification for faculty awards: Discussed two issues:
 - 1. That library faculty are promotion-earning, not tenure-earning, but should be eligible; Awards Committee will change wording to include library faculty for research and teaching awards as well as service awards. Motion to approve change in eligibility to include promotion-earning library faculty made by Pettijohn, seconded by Riedinger-Whitmore, unanimously approved by FS.
 - 2. Limit on awards to one award; previous winners are excluded from nomination. FS charges the Awards committee to change this policy so that faculty could win more than once, suggested a period of time following winning an award before one could be nominated again. No motion or vote- sent to Awards Committee.

VI. Business Items for Discussion:

A. Administration Reports:

1. Chancellor's Report: Discussed COB lease, move, and future home, as well as the facilities provided by the Dali museum site. Discussed USF Systems strategic plan and need for response by USFSP faculty. Discussed impending loss of stimulus funds; increased tuition
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 meetings were well attended by faculty; discussion continues; concern over budget cuts and share of system service costs discussed. Faculty concerned about need to continue to emphasize research at USFSP campus.
2. Communications between and among faculty governance bodies: Reck reported on discussions and meetings with Wilcox and the USF System Faculty Senate Council. Meeting monthly; Wilcox convenes meetings. Discussion of the composition and structure of the System council, need for equity, role of President/Chair and manner of their election/appointment; Discussed current Charge and need for revision; need to develop System constitution to be ratified by each campus or institution's Faculty Senate. Reck encouraged to monitor proposed governance structures and revisions to ensure equity of governance bodies.
3. Setting Spring elections and appointing members to standing committees: Current Faculty Senators, or those replacing them for the remainder of their term, will attend both final FS meeting, and first FS meeting in Fall, so no need for the usual "change of the guard" FS meeting, but we need to appoint members to FS committees with members whose terms expire in 2010.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Committee on Committees: Kearns has met with John Husfield and continues work to make all FS committee pages consistent and populated with documents. Needs Pettijohn to finalize FS documents for this year.
2. Other Committees: No reports

D. College Reports:

1. CAS: Discussion of T&P issues.
2. COB: Discussion of need for resources, incentives, to transition F2F classes to online classes.
3. COE:
4. Library

Announcements: Graduation, May 9th, 6:00 PM