

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2005 8:10AM

Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Ambe Njoh, Jim Fellows, Deb Henry, Deanna Michael, Jim Spence, Kim Stoddard,
Kathy Weedman
Absent: David Naar

Announcements

Deb Henry announced the Final Friday Reception being held today at 5 PM in the library atrium.

New Business

The minutes of 9/16/05 meeting were approved. Minutes will be posted to the FC web site.

The meeting schedule for spring semester, 2006 was approved.

JAN: 13 & 27; FEB: 10 & 24; MAR: 10 & 24; APR: 7 & 21

FC Representation at Leadership Meetings

Jim Fellows volunteered to attend the three Leadership meetings during fall semester.

Attendance at Faculty Council meetings

The Council recommends that USFSP administrators only attend FC meetings when making a presentation to the Council or invited by the Council to be available to answer questions or clarify processes or issues. All items to be presented by guests should be placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting if possible.

USF System academic integrity committee – Steve Ritch

Deb will reschedule.

College Reports

College of Education

COE has been holding brown bag seminars to discuss issues that the College Council is addressing and to disseminate news. Deanna Michael announced that Terry rose was elected to the campus T&P committee. There are three applicants for tenure and promotion to Associate. The College is also preparing for NCATE certification.

College of Business

Jim Fellows reported that the COB is working through their accreditation process. They have also been discussing tenure and promotion issues. Jim announced that Karin Braunsberger, who was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor this year, is the new COB member on the T&P committee. Four faculty are applying for T&P this year; three are applying for promotion to full professor.

College of Arts and Sciences

The CAS College Council was meeting later in the day. Ambe Njoh reported that the search for a new Dean of CAS was underway.

Library

Deb Henry reported that the library has doubled the number of student computer work stations in the reference area. The Library faculty have been looking at other models of staffing the Reference desk.

Old Business

Committee on Committees

Kathy Weedman from CAS agreed to be the third member of this committee. The committee is continuing to verify that all vacancies on FC committees and councils are filled and terms are staggered to provide some continuity.

Academic Learning Compacts

Faculty Council discussed the ALCs further this week. FC considers the process of developing these compacts and acceptance of the criteria described in them to be the responsibility of the College Councils.

Faculty Excellence Program (UBOT)

The Council was asked to consider weighing in on this issue in a more formal way. As an aid to the continuing discussion, Deanna Michael distributed some pertinent information about the ongoing negotiations between the UFF and the USF administration. Based on the union's position, the Council has decided to wait to see the results of these negotiations.

Promotion to full professor (Committee of Full Professors)

Jim Fellows announced that the USF SP T&P committee is revising the USF SP guidelines. They will be addressing the need for a campus wide committee of full professors as part of that process.

USF SP 'Faculty Council' name change to 'Faculty Senate' & USFSP representation to the Tampa Faculty Senate

Only the College of Business Council had met and discussed the proposed name change. The CBC would support a name only change. If any organizational changes are required, then the CBC would vote against such a change. The discussion will be continued when feedback from CAS, COE and library faculty is available.

Faculty Code of Ethics - Tenure and Promotion Professional Behavior

Jim reported that CBC reviewed the proposed Faculty Code of Ethics, modeled after the American Sociological Association's Code of Ethics. CBC found problems with some of the language as it applies to and would work on a small campus. Faculty believe any T&P code should apply to both administrators and faculty. Discussion of this issue will continue when feedback from CAS and COE faculty is also obtained.

As the meeting ran two hours, the two remaining items on the agenda, the FC survey and the problem of faculty attendance at lectures and other activities will be placed at the top of the agenda for the October 14 meeting.

Next meeting

October 14, 2005
Library Conference room (3rd floor)
8:10 AM

Future meetings:

October 28
November 18
December 9
January 13 & 27, 2006
February 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
April 7 & 21

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