

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Friday, April 21, 2006 8:10AM**  
**Library Conference Room – 3rd floor**

Present: Ambe Njoh (departed at 8:40), Jim Fellows, Jerry Notaro, Deanna Michael, Gary Patterson, Kathy Weedman, Margaret Hewitt  
Guests: Mark Durand, Academic Affairs (departed 10:00 am)

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM

**Announcements**

Rebecca Johns has withdrawn as CAS representative. Kathy will notify the CAS to hold another election.

**New Business**

Elections

Ambe announced that he would preside of the 2006-2007 elections as his final duty as Faculty Senate Chair. After some discussion of the duties and expectations of the upcoming Faculty Senate Chair, Gary Patterson was nominated for the position. The nomination was seconded. A vote was taken and Gary was voted unanimously. Margaret was nominated as Vice-Chair, and her nomination was seconded. Margaret was elected unanimously. Jerry was nominated as Secretary. His nomination was seconded and he was elected unanimously.

USFSP Faculty Senate Committees

The Membership Rosters of the USFSP Faculty Senate Committees and Councils for 2006-2007 were distributed. College representatives will communicate the need for vacancies to be filled. Mark explained the charge of the General Education Committee. The University wants to guarantee incoming students the courses they take will fulfill the needed requirements. The committee will also look at new course offerings. Gary recommended a By Laws Committee to look at the charter and recommend changes. Jerry will research and distribute the present by laws and charter. It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate defer establishing membership on the By Laws Committee until a CAS representative is chosen to replace Rebecca. We will use the next meeting to establish changes for Faculty Senate committees and councils as needed. The following people were appointed to the Committee on Committees:

James Fellows, COB - Chair  
Kathy Weedman, CAS  
Margaret Hewitt, COE

Old Business

The Council of Deans has extended membership to the Faculty Senate Chair. Mark explained the Council meets every two weeks to primarily share information. The Faculty Senate Chair or his representative will attend as needed.

The Senate will defer establishing responsibilities for maintaining the website until speaking with Mark.

The Tampa campus Faculty Senate has extended an invitation for USFSP to attend their meetings. Gary will formally respond to the invitation. Jerry will forward USFSP Faculty Senate meeting minutes to Secretary of the Tampa Senate.

Discussion continued on increasing the size of the Faculty Senate, especially to reflect the number of faculty in the various Colleges. Members expressed that the current size was adequate while encouraging greater committee participation and communication.

Faculty Senate members want to be assured that College General Education Committees bring their recommendations to the Faculty Senate. These are USF Network Committees.

The Faculty Senate will host the September Final Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 6 pm. Karen White's office will fund the festivities. Sudsy has volunteered to order the food and drinks. Gary will email Karen with the appropriate information.

It was moved and seconded that Gary, as Chair of the Faculty Senate approach Karen and request Faculty Senate membership on the USFSP Campus Board. The motion passed.

Gary emphasized it is important for Faculty Committee assignments to be filled.

### **College Reports**

The Colleges and Library gave brief reports of the summer's activities.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 am.

### **Next meeting**

September 15 – 8:10 am

September 29 – 10 am

October 27 – 10 am

December 1 – 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Notaro, Secretary