

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Council

September 30, 2005 Meeting

3:00 -5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Hugh Lafollette (vice chair), Lisa Starks, Joani Spadaro, Ambe Njoh, Chris Miendl, Tom Smucker, Jay Sokolovsky, Thomas Smith (chair). Guests: Jamie McHale, Kathy Weedman

Follow-Up on College Budget Priorities

We are waiting for a pending budget meeting for an answer on whether our requests will be funded.

Working Group on Scheduler / Program Coordinator Compensation

This group will meet shortly to examine more closely these administrative tasks and appropriate course-release or compensation.

Proposed Faculty Code of Ethics

The council unanimously resolved to send a memo to the other college councils asking if they would like to work together with us to address: a.) the necessity of an ethics code; and b.) if it is deemed necessary, the writing of the code.

Constituting an Independent Faculty Senate

Taking into account significant issues of research monies disbursed through the faculty senate, the desire for continued close cooperation with our colleagues on other USF campuses, and the need for faculty to speak with a unified voice across the USF system, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution:

“That we forward the following proposal to all College Faculty for their comment and discussion: That we work together toward the creation of a system-wide Faculty Senate composed of representatives of each of the USF campuses. Once a system-wide Faculty Senate is constituted, we would like USFSP to create its own independent Faculty Senate under the umbrella of the system-wide Senate. In the meantime, USFSP should continue to be represented on the Tampa Faculty Senate.”

Academic Learning Compacts Process

The main concern voiced by the council is that the ALC process take into account added workload for faculty, and expectations of faculty into the future. This issue will be addressed as well by the Working Group on Scheduler / Program Coordinator Compensation.

### Daycare

The Council has learned that Bill Heller was instrumental in getting the YWCA facility across the street built and that students at USFSP put up some of the money to build it. The original agreement was that 75 percent of the slots would be available for children of USFSP faculty, staff, and students. In the past, USFSP students with children were eligible for a subsidy through student government to help cover the costs of childcare. The council will try to document these earlier agreements and take this up with the administration here and with the new director of the YWCA facility.

### Interest in Budget Workshop?

Associate Dean Susan Fernandez has offered to host a budget workshop. If such a meeting would deal with how appropriations decisions are made, we will pursue this. The chair will follow up with the Associate Dean.

### Results of the Deans' Retreat

The council will ask Associate Dean Susan Fernandez to host a meeting in which she and Jamie McHale, the College's appointed brainstormer, will discuss the results of the retreat.

### Old / New Business

Given the compromise that has been reached, the council anticipates no further action on the issue of the recreation fee.

On the issue of job searches, the council calls on the administration to approve job searches earlier in the hiring cycle. This has been a persistent problem. Some of the troubles we have faced with searches might have been avoided by earlier approval.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Dean's Conference Room

Prepared by Thomas W. Smith, Chair