

USF St. Petersburg
USPS Council – General Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Present: Vicki Colbert, Jean Ferguson, Harriet Fletcher, Lori Anderson, Brandy Heinrich, Tanya Radabaugh, Sue Ryan, Pearl Tritter, Michael Williams, Audrey Cowdrick, Harriett Fletcher, Dr. Karen White, Robert Lugo and Sarah Connelly.

Call to Order: Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Meet and Greet: Audrey Cowdrick, the new Office Manager for Enrollment Services.

Guest Speakers: *Dr. Karen White, Regional Chancellor*, acknowledged the accomplishments of USF St. Pete, and made special note that not only is spring enrollment up, but also that incoming students are made to feel welcome by our staff.

1. University Relations did a great job with Governor Crist's press meeting.

We can expect to see Gov. Crist on USFSP campus on a regular basis for at least the next 4 years. This is a great opportunity for students to see leaders of the state in "Business as usual" and the "honor is ours".

2. Parking Services has announced a 20% rate increase on parking permits. Parking funds will be used to pay for the new garage and new parking staff. Special Note: Payroll deduction with pretax option is the most economical, with the least impact, on an individual's take-home paycheck.
3. The Parking gravel lot #4 is closed for parking cars; it will be for student services to make basketball and sand volleyball courts. Since the lot is across the street from the Police Station, it will make more of a 24 hour campus for students.

Robert Lugo, Coordinator of Parking Services, stated that the new permits for Fall '07-Spring '08 will be available for purchase in July. He wished to remind everyone that (Gold and Staff)? St. Pete permit holders will only be able to park in the staff lots at the Tampa campus.

1. In the short run, the library lot will be available for use, however in the long run, we will all be moved to the parking garage.
2. The new parking garage has many advantages:
 - a. Two emergency poles equipped with telephones are located by the elevator and stairwell.
 - b. Video cameras are operating on every floor.
 - c. Police station is located on the first floor, adjacent to parking.

Sarah Connelly, President Tampa USPS Senate, has been in the Senate for 6 years and is currently focusing on staff morale, parking services, and any issues that staff and faculty would like to have a say. There is a Spring event – 'Get to know your Senate' and a May event – 'Quiet

Quality Awards Ceremony. In the fall, Tampa campus will offer New Student Welcome Centers that will scattered through out the campus.

Discussion:

- The Council is working to establish a local Quiet Quality Awards program.
- HR has been tasked to provide the Regional Chancellor with recommendations on changing the format of the Outstanding Employee Awards Program. There will be a special called meeting of the Council on Friday, February 2nd to discuss this.
- A new link, Crime Alert, has been added to the USPS web-site.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.