



Board of Trustees Academics and Campus Environment Committee

November 21, 2022
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

ACE Committee Chair Oscar Horton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Chair Horton asked Kiara Guzzo to call the roll.

Kiara Guzzo called the roll

Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Jennifer Jasinski Schneider
Trustee Lauran Monbarren
Trustee Nithin Palyam – Did not participate
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo
Trustee Melissa Seixas

There were no public comments.

New Business- Action Items

Approval of the Minutes

August 23, 2022

Chair Horton requested a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was given by Trustee Seixas and seconded by Trustee Jasinski Schneider. The Minutes were approved.

Tenure as a condition of Employment

Sr. Associate Vice President Hayward Brown presented.

Administrators such as the President, Provost, Deans, Chairs and senior faculty who are recruited to USF are normally rewarded tenure as a condition of employment. These highly qualified individuals have earned tenure at their previous institutions, which makes them attractive candidates to USF. In order to attract them, USF must provide a package that is competitive with other nationally and internationally ranked universities.

The two nominees are:

Dr. Christina McCrae joined the USF College of Nursing on August 15, 2022 as a Full Professor. Dr. McCrae obtained her Ph.D. in clinical psychology (APA Accredited) from Washington University St. Louis, MO.

Dr. Ukamaka Oruche Ph.D., PMHCNS-BC, FAAN Joined the USF Health College of Nursing on September 13, 2022, as the Gordon Keller Professor of Nursing, Indianapolis IN. from Indiana University.

Trustee Horton requested a motion to approve. It was given by Trustee Piccolo and seconded by Trustee Monbarren. Tenure as a condition of employment was approved.

Trustee Jasinski Schneider comments concerned the significance of Tenure in connection to the Board of Governors regulations on post Tenure Review.

Chair Horton had questions concerning the benefits of having Tenure.

President Law thanked Trustee Jasinski Schneider for her support on academic freedom and accountability for the USF Faculty members. The President reported that Trustee Jasinski Schneider is forwarding comments concerning the Tenure regulation to the BOG. The President also made comments on the Stop Woke Act and USF modifying regulations to comply.

USF General Counsel Gerard Solis comments concerned House Bill 7 - Federal Court for the Northern District of Florida issued a stay of the enforcement mechanisms. A lawsuit was filed by both a faculty member and a student. The cases were combined. Mr. Solis commented that under the direction of the President, we'll continue working with the Faculty Senate on strengthening and clarifying our Academic Freedom Policy.

Chair Weatherford commented on plans to give candid and thoughtful feedback to the BOG.

Institutes & Centers 7-year reviews

As part of Board of Governors Regulation 10.015, for state of Florida Institutes and Centers (I &C) universities must provide a summary of 7-year reviews of each I&C to the Board of Governors. In accordance with the updated regulation, each University's board of trustees must certify that the evaluation/review contained all elements specified in Regulation 10.015 using a template provided by the Chancellor. Copies of the most recent evaluations need to be submitted to the Board of Governors along with certification template. The reports for I&Cs reviewed in CY 2022 and the certification template will must be submitted to the BOG by January 10, 2023 close of business.

Vice Provost Theresa Chisolm presented. She acknowledged colleagues: Dean of the College of Arts and Science at USFSP Magali Michael, Dean of the College of Education Anthony Rolle, Centers Directors Dr.'s Christian Wells and Anne Cranston Gingras.

Vice Provost Chisolm gave a special acknowledgement to Dr. Rebecca Gibbons from the Office of Decision Support. She works with the faculty, Institutes, Center Directors and Deans to ensure that the individual and summary reports required by the BOG are completed.

A power point was provided which highlighted the following:

- Institutes and Centers 7-year reviews
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- SUS BOG Regulation 10.015 Institutes & Centers
- Required Review Components
- Institutes and Centers – 7 year Formal Reviews (2022) -Trustees were given copies of each report and a summary excel file submitted to the BOG.

Center for Brownfields Research and Development Director Christian Wells presented,

- Center for Brownfields Research and Redevelopment
- Brownfields
- Research
- Redevelopment
- Education

Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Ann Cranston Gingras presented.

- Center for Study of Migrant Education
- Return on Investments
- Education
- Research
- Additional COEDU Centers Reviewed
- BOT Action Item – Certification that all required review components are included in each report and in Excel template

Chair Horton had questions on the Brownfields and the public's awareness.

Chair Horton requested a motion to approve. It was given by Trustee Piccolo and seconded by Trustee Jasinski Schneider. The motion was approved.

New Business – Information Items

a. Degree Program Productivity Report

Vice Provost Theresa Chisolm provided a power point presentation. She gave special acknowledgment for the hard work done by Director Cynthia Brown Hernandez and her team in the Office of Decision Support.

- Degree Productivity Annual Review – USF Board of Trustees – ACE Committee Annual Review November 21, 2022
- Degree Program Productivity Review
- Principles of Degree Program Review
- Results of 7 Year and Degree Productivity
- Two Reports
- Summary of Results

Trustee Seixas expressed an appreciation for this valuable information. She asked if there was a need to update or tweak the evaluation process given post consolidation?

Faculty members and Deans are provided with campus level data. It's also provided for the annual productivity report.

Vice Provost Chisolm announced that she will take on a new role next month to work with Chancellor Christian Hardigree focusing on ensuring our academic programs across the USF campus is being utilized and fully subscribed to, as well as meeting the workforce needs and student demands in the communities.

Trustee Seixas commended the Vice Provost on her upcoming new roll and commented that she will be of value to USFSP as well as the University community. Trustee Seixas would like to bring this issue before the USFSP Campus Board.

Dean Eric Eisenberg commented on retention challenges at the USF St. Petersburg campus. There isn't a broad inventory of majors that interest the students. A solution would be to look at the employer needs and compare things that were proposed at the point of consolidation. Talk with students about what they want and try to build those majors out. This will help with retention and progression.

Chair Horton questioned if the programs match up to the needs of the workplace?

The Vice Provost commented that many of the programs are long standing. Occasionally we must adjust the curriculum to make sure that we're educating students for today.

Chair Horton asked what is the make-up of an advisory board?

Dr. Chisolm commented that there are different disciplines however people in the community who can be consumers of the students would be a great choice.

Having no further business Chair Horton adjourned the ACE Committee meeting.