

NOTES
USF Consolidation Task Force
August 22, 2018
USF Tampa
Marshall Student Center, Room 3707

Present: Dr. Jonathan Ellen, Chair; Alison Barlow, Anddrikk Frazier, Dr. Judy Genshaft, Michael Griffin, Dr. Karen Holbrook, Melissa Seixas, Byron Shinn, Rick Piccolo, Kayla Rykiel, Dr. Martin Tadlock, Dr. Tonjua Williams

I. Call to Order and Comments

Chair Jonathan Ellen called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

II. New Business – Action Items

III. New Business – Information Items

a. Budget Presentation

Senior Vice President David Lechner and Vice President Nick Trivunovich provided the Task Force an overview of the the current USF System budget and budget climate in the State of Florida. Budget categories including education and general (E&G), grants, financial aid and auxiliaries were reviewed. It was noted that grant money must be used for specific purposes and is not flexible in terms of spending. Auxiliary funding is used for university business operations. E&G funding is comprised of state approritations and tuition.

There was discussion regarding the comparison of salaries for faculty/deans versus administration across all three campuses. It was also noted that the USF System is currently comprised of three separate budget entities and funded in different budget line items at the state level. There was lengthy discussion around the advantages to combining the budgets during the next legislative session.

b. Student Access Subcommittee Final Recommendations Discussion

Chair Ellen thanked the Student Access Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication, noting the subcommittee’s aggressive timeline for completion, and called on Chair Frazier to present the report.

Chair Frazier thanked committee members and staff for their hard work on the report. He began by reviewing the subcommittee's hearings including the various topics covered and major takeaways. He noted the final recommendations cover five larger focus areas:

- o Communications and community outreach
- o Scholarships, financial aid and admissions
- o Promoting a diverse student body
- o Transfer students and student mobility
- o Academic programs and course delivery

Chair Frazier noted the importance of education throughout the lifecycle of students, starting before matriculation and continuing on after graduation. Additionally, he noted the subcommittee's focus on transfer students.

There was discussion regarding promoting student mobility by providing access to a broader array of degree programs. Chair Frazier noted that this recommendation would include technology and leveraging resources across campuses. Additionally, coordination of activities within a curriculum is important.

There was further discussion regarding giving parents roadmaps early on in a student's career to show the various ways to get to USF including timelines, pathway programs and financial aid. It was stressed that an important part is knowing the entire picture before starting and also ensuring USF is available to support a student regardless of which pathway is chosen. Working closely with partners, such as state colleges, to make sure those students are properly prepared and ready for success at USF was also discussed. President Genshaft said USF is fortunate to have such great leaders in the area state colleges.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Ellen thanked everyone for their attention and time during the Town Hall and full Task Force meeting and adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.