



Board of Trustees Academics and Campus Environment Committee

NOTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

9:45 AM 11:30 AM

USF Marshall Student Center, Room 3707

I. Call to Order and Comments

Chair Charles Tokarz welcomed and thank those in attendance, and called the meeting to order at 9:48 AM and a quorum was confirmed with the following committee members present:

Trustee Britney Deas
Trustee Stephanie Goforth
Trustee Michael Griffin
Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Deanna Michael
Trustee Byron Shinn
Trustee Charles Tokarz

II. Public Comments Subject to USF Procedure

Chair Tokarz confirmed there were no requests for public comment.

III. New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Tokarz asked the committee if any edits needed to be made to the minutes and the committee confirmed there were none. A motion for approval was made by Trustee Horton with a second from Trustee Goforth and was approved unanimously by the committee.

b. Tenure as a Condition of Employment

Chair Tokarz introduced the agenda item regarding the tenure of the Board of Trustees. The agenda item was approved by the committee.

Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith provided an overview of the remaining candidates for tenure, Drs. Chapurukha Kusimba and George Spirou, and Ms. Kathy R. Fitzpatrick, JD. Dr. Smith commented on each candidate's qualifications and informed the committee that these individuals have chosen to come to USF as a result of the university's intensified national recruitment efforts for the best faculty in their respective fields.

Trustees commended the university's recruitment efforts and stated how impressed they are with the level of talent of faculty who are now seeking out opportunities with USF and recognize its elevated national profile.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Goforth with a second from Trustee Michael and was approved unanimously by the committee.

IV. New Business – Information Items

a. Homelessness and Housing and Food Insecurity: Assisting USF Students

The item was presented by Trustee and Tampa Campus Student Body President Britney Deas, St. Petersburg Campus Student Body President Jazzia "Jazzy" Duarte, and Sarasota-Manatee Campus Student Government Chief Justice Josh Ghansiam.

The students' presentation included data and relevant information on the number of students who are affected by problems of homelessness and housing and food insecurity and what each of the three USF campuses are doing to assist these students. The trustees had questions concerning how wide reaching of an issue this is, what funding sources there are, and what systems are in place to assist these students and how can the university expand them.

The students provided information on what they are currently doing and what their plans are to expand these services and systems of support. The trustees commended the students for their work and echoed the students' sentiments that all students need to be supported and made to feel like they can succeed at USF.

b. Department of Medical Engineering: A Performance Update

Senior Vice President for USF Health/Dean of the Morsani College of Medicine Charly Lockwood and Dean of the College of Engineering Robert Bishop introduced the presentation and Department Chair Robert Frisina. Drs. Lockwood and Bishop provided background on the Department of Medical Engineering and spoke to the power a combined program of this magnitude has bringing together two sets of faculty from two different colleges. Dr. Frisina then presented a slide deck to the trustees providing an update and look towards the future.

c. Update on Consolidation

Chair Tokarz began the item by first thanking all university faculty, staff, and leadership who have been working on the upcoming consolidation and highlighted that the goal of keeping students and their success has been at the forefront every step of the way.

Provost Wilcox presented a slide deck to the trustees with an update on the progress already made on planning for and implementing consolidation, as well as providing an outline of the steps remaining prior to and after July 1, 2020.