*PNA Department meeting – February 27- 11:00- 12:00*

*Malloy Hall 405*

***Attendees:***

***Department Chair, Richard Greggory Johnson III***

***Jo-Ellen Radetich, note taker***

***Alison Cohen, Billy Riggs, Marco Tavanti***

***By phone Tim Loney and Rich Callahan***

***Richard Waters was absent, as he was teaching***

***Daryl Cook, guest***

The meeting started with the announcement of the time and date for the Memorial service for Wayne Horiuchi, late husband of Professor Catherine Horiuchi.

The group then acknowledged the hard work of Rich Callahan regarding the recent NASPAA visit.

Billy Riggs was also acknowledged for his work with the *Batten student competition*. Billy Riggs informed the group that there were 16 teams total, USF was in the top four. Rich Callahan suggested getting a letter from RJIII to formally acknowledge the participants.

Report of the NASPAA visit by Rich Callahan. The dinner/social hosted by RJIII went well. The de-brief started with a compliment regarding the mission and alignment of the MPA program.

It was noted that the NASPAA team was very personable and pleasant to work with. Of particular note was the Exit interview. It was announced that Kim Connor is not in the PNA Department anymore, she is now in the OLC Department but will continue to teach for MPA.

Daryl Cook was visiting the Department meeting from the Finance and Administration Department with information about the Faculty Development Fund reporting. The rollover policy can continue. It should be noted that the Vice Provost or Dean’s approval is needed for domestic travel over $750.00.

Marco met with Father Fitzgerald and the Archbishop to promote a 12-credit certificate program on *Faith Based curriculum.* (MNA and PALMA Certificate for church leaders) This is a Hybrid certification/church based program. Marco mentioned that he is finding roadblocks to this process,, however.

March 23rd is the annual “USF for Freedom” conference from 6:00PM- 8:00PM.

May 4th- annual presentation of the “Michael O’Neill” award at the downtown campus.

Rich Callahan suggested adjunct professor Peter Wright as a good addition to the PNA team. Peter has a long history with the USF McCarthy Center. RJIII said that he needs something in writing from Peter regarding this teaching assignment, because Peter is teaching on a volunteer basis. (Perhaps an MOU?)

Tim Loney report: MPA on-line: We no longer have the marketing piece with Pearson.

There are eight students in the pipeline right now for the on-line program. (Loney)

RJIII- Pearson did a good job in marketing the program - RJIII- not very happy with the SOM Marketing Department, however.

Cohen: supports the on-line programs, she mentioned that on-line education is important to the future of the PNA Department. RJIII: The Department Chairs met with the Dean last week to get a sense of what the Department Chairs would like to see in an Interim Dean, and a Permanent Dean. Richard Johnson - the applicant pool for the Dean should be diverse and include women. The members of the PNA Department are welcome to put names forward.

Riggs: possible new transportation course. “Resiliency Planning”. (This is a niche market.) Resiliency planning is an umbrella term taking on a host of meanings right now around the world. Billy is open to feedback and constructive criticism regarding this course.

RJIII: re: New PNA doctoral program? He would like to see a doctoral program in Public Administration implemented at USF, as the University is lacking in that arena and Richard feels that there is a market for a Doctoral program in Public Administration

Respectfully submitted by: Jo-Ellen Radetich