ASUSF Agenda
Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 | Berman Room, Fromm | 5:00 - 7:00pm

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
   [5:00pm]
   Sarah, Silvia, Simi, Marisol, Leo, Metiya, Paolo, Tiana, hector, Irene, Gillian, Tanya, D’Vine, John, Olivia, Cassie

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   - Marisol motioned
   - Sarah seconds

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   - John motions
   - Sarah seconds

4. **Open Forum**
   a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate

5. **Guest Speaker:**
   a. Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences  
      [5:05-5:35pm]
      - Comprises of arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, engineering
      - Honors college is underneath them
      - Might split into a separate engineering program
      - 50% of undergrad and grad
      - 34 majors, 68 minors, 19 graduate programs, 219 full time staff; 400 part time faculty
      - Responding to outside conditions such as:
        - What students want to do
        - The market
        - Overall, the approach is it to try and reinforce things that are essential
- Try to build a process to work around themes
  - Diversity, internalization, sustainability, connection with local economy and community
    - Providing support for student body
    - Hiring top faculty to support students
    - Make sure labs and buildings are running okay
- There will be some preference towards faculty who have an interest in sustainability, research, teaching, etc. (not only the consideration when hiring)
- Working with one of those themes
  - Ex: created a task force with faculty and students who will look over the new program with help from an expert in the field.
- Some of his priorities
  - Provide support
  - Have faculty and teachers wanting to work with students in research
  - Send students to conferences
  - Fundraising
  - Engineering program
    - Innovation Hive → special area to be used by anyone who is involved in a course to use
      - Have printers (3D), machines, drills, etc.
- Hired 106 faculty → distributed among major areas
- Want humanities and arts to be as strong as possible without any cuts from the university

Questions/Feedback
1. How college supports smaller minors that are more culturally focused, and what the college will do to make sure they are consistent to stay at the university
   a. Depends on the minor itself
   b. Some minors include courses that are strictly to the minor
      i. And in order for a class to run → there has to be a certain limit that the university approves
   c. Have events to pull attention to take those courses
   d. There are some instances where there are a few minors in the books where there has not been a single student to apply for those classes
      i. Having a conversation about why?
      1. Could be small advertisement, etc.
2. School does not allow transfer students to transfer credits for a certain degree. Does the college advocate for students who are affected by this policy?
a. This is university policy.
b. Working towards to build an agreement to designate certain courses by working with certain community colleges to see if they can transfer without anyone looking into them.
c. Trying to work with provost officer to find a simple path for transfer students

3. Have you ever considered offering online courses?
   a. For many people, this can be a challenge when it comes to 1:1 relationship between the professor and students
   b. There are a few (5) mostly being developed for students at branch courses but it is a USF course meaning anyone can take it
   c. On Monday, college counselors meet once a month; 1st thing on the agenda is to create online courses for the summer
   d. Hoping to add more online courses that will grow over the years

6. **New Business:**
   
   a. “Student Satisfaction and Food Insecurity Survey”
      i. *Paolo Sayas, VP of Advocacy, John Iosefo, Junior Class Representative*
         - Hope to send out to all undergraduate students
         - Hopefully will go out during spring
         - Every other year send out

**Feedback/Suggestions**

1. Are there any spots where they can leave comments?
   a. Survey gets more specific as they go down
2. Scale of 1-10 → really long; maybe use satisfied, average, unsatisfied, etc.
3. Sent out as a newsletter → student email
4. Add one or two lines about senate’s mission/ brief statement of intent
5. Include senate websites
6. Post on social media & flyers
7. Have a brief explanation of each resolution
8. Question 4 → add an example of what is “school senator” “identity representatives”
9. Specify food insecurity definitions
10. Make it anonymous
11. How many days out of your week do you rely on campus free food being a reliable source?
12. Add is our cafeteria meeting your food needs (dietary restrictions)

7. **Break**
   
   - Metyia motioned
   - Marisol seconds

8. **Guest Speaker**
- Father Fitzgerald, University President

- Now out talking to new students about engineering
  - Will start small around 30 students

- Looking at options to increase clinical experience for nursing students

- Raising funds for redo of Harney (all the systems)
  - New research spaces for student and faculty to work together
  - Remove one wing at a time
  - Working on creating more general classroom spaces
  - Put in glass walls

- Construction
  - Delay 5 months
  - One of residence hall buildings will be done in October and December; a year from now
  - Designed to have students from transitioning
  - A lot of common rooms, kitchens, dining room/table
  - Students were involved in the design
  - Music practice rooms; different shared spaces
  - Dining commons
    - 135 → will not seat 320
    - During the day will be a coffee shop
    - In the evening will be a for 21+ older
    - Views are gonna be really nice
  - Smaller mission house next to koret
    - Take it down and put up a smaller 40 bed residence hall there
  - Talking to nearby Catholic church for other empty options
  - Exploring to invest in a long term lease
  - Fulton and Lyon
    - 5 story house
    - Now will be 7-8 apartments with bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, etc.
- Faculty Searches
  - Openings across campuses
  - Dean - School of Management - Sign up for a year - In the process of doing an international search there

Questions

1. What progress or dialogue with administration about presentation theatre?
   a. Apologize for the close so suddenly
   b. Building is over 90 years old and a lot of the sandbags, ladders, etc were really old
   c. Full assessment of theatre and it concluded it was not safe space
   d. Alternative space
      i. Brought in a theatre design and architecture; pushing to have done by spring semester if can
      ii. Must haves: everything that need to get done ASAP
          1. Should get proposal of timeline by thanksgiving
      iii. Nice to haves: technology, some items that are nice to have to improve the space even more

2. How is the university calculate the meal plan budget
   a. Look at recent past usage

3. What circumstances to reevaluate the contract with BonApp
   a. Contract lasts for several years then there is a point for proposal
   b. Chartwell, Compass (Aramark), Solexo, Bon App, - main 4 options
      i. Have an economy scale
   c. Bring in fresh produce, Halal, vegan, etc.
   d. Price- university chose to pay workers good compensation, support,
      i. Compare prices with other university
   e. Everytime contract expires → always reevaluate the contract, listen to proposals and bids
      i. BonApp will put some cash aside to help the university
ii. University puts 3% for dishes, food items, etc.

iii. 50/50 split of the income

4. Have you ever ate at the cafe?
   a. Yes
   b. Tuition is high but the food quality is low
   c. None of tuition money goes to food service it is only the meal plan

5. The general sentiment on campus is quite expensive and not tasteful, with freshman experience this tends to negatively impact them where some may leave second semester. How does the university feel about knowing the impact of this and the information being spread out to incoming students
   a. It depends on the chef executive
   b. bonApp gives the option to swap out the leadership/chef

6. What are your goals for the BASE program in the near future, and also the decline of the program director position
   a. The new position is granted and to go through the budget process to have this be made permanent
   b. African American student population increased over the 5 years
   c. 2.5 million gift to the program
   d. Plan is to endowment where that money is only spent on BASE - they are up to 3 million want to build up to 40.
   e. Faculty is a union → staff have to be supervised under deans, etc.

7. Will there be a resource center for other culture/ethnic groups
   a. Always open to proposals

8. Tuition increase 4.9%
   a. It is a proposed budget it is not a secure

9. How will this help benefit sophomores, juniors, etc. with financial aid
   a. Students do graduate with debt but the debt gets paid quickly
   b. Every year expenses do go up; USF is a tuition based institution

9. Senator of the Month [6:50pm]
10. New Business [6:50pm]
   a. Town Hall Roles
      - Everyone will have a role
      - Please look at the google doc
      - Ask exec for more detail

    - Appraisals
    - Turn in materials
    - Make announcements about town halls
    - Sign up for tabling

12. Announcements [6:55-7:00pm]

13. Adjournment [7:00]

John motioned

Sarah seconds