



**USFSM Campus Board Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2018  
3:30pm-5:00pm  
Room A320A, USFSM Campus**

Chair Shinn called the meeting to order at 3:33pm and explained the importance of hearing the students' concerns.

The following Campus Board Members were present:

Trustee and Chair, Mr. Byron Shinn  
Mr. David Eckel  
Dr. Anila Jain  
Mr. Bill Mariotti  
Mr. Rick Piccolo

Representing USF Sarasota-Manatee:

President Judy Genshaft  
Regional Chancellor Karen Holbrook  
Faculty Senate President Fawn Ngo  
Student Government Association President Barry Callahan

Chair Shinn asked for a motion to approve the February 1, 2018 minutes as submitted. Mr. Piccolo made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Jain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jain provided her history with USF.

Mr. Eckel noted that he has had questions regarding hiring and funding. He has also received some questions regarding authority of the local campus moving forward.

Chair Shinn explained that governance will be a large part of this change. That means maintaining our identity and our focus.

Trustee Tokarz joined the conversation at 3:38 p.m.

Mr Piccolo reassured the students that their interests are important to him.

Mr. Mariotti wants to make sure student and faculty concerns are heard. He mentioned the incredible new SCF Library and that USFSM should have something like that in our future.

Mr. Piccolo said that is part of the outreach and visibility. He sees reunification as a strength to get our story out.

Dr. Holbrook introduced Shawn Ahearn.

Chair Shinn gave his background. He was on the CLC and helped raise the money for the Crosley Building. He helped with legislation that provided separate funding which ultimately led to separate accreditation years later. This has caused unintentional consequences, such as transferring funds between institutions and students moving between campuses. If we had the single accreditation, we could be more fluid with our resources. Chair Shinn wants to hear how a single accreditation affects recruiting and academics. We need to focus on being problem solvers. Dr. Jain added that we need to all be supporting the same final goal.

Dr. Holbrook reviewed the CEO Roundtable meeting regarding reunification. She emphasized the potential increase in available programs and the fluidity for students between students. All of the businesses were looking for interns and looking for students to get involved in their companies. The CEOs also asked for ways to come in and share their experience and knowledge with the campus community.

Chair Shinn addressed the issue of housing for students and recognized it needs to be fixed. Chair Shinn brought it up at the BOT meeting and was supported in moving forward to start planning. This follows USFSP P3 housing.

Dr. Ngo thanked everyone for taking time to meet. Dr. Agarwal was at the last two campus board meetings to express concerns and that Drs. Ngo and Agarwal meet regularly with Dr. Holbrook. She felt they had shared their concerns with administration and had a good funnel for dialogue. The relationship between the three campus faculties is a positive one and they realize they will be working hand-in-hand with the administration to move forward with the training. The three faculty presidents meet regularly about this and many other issues.

Dr. Ngo explained to the students how T&P changes could affect regional faculty. A suggestion is to come up with one set of guidelines, but then have different tracks that could accommodate the various unique faculty expectations at the regional institutions.

Mr. Barry Callahan is working on a comprehensive method to get information from students. He is forming a survey on Qualtrics to send via email to students within the next week. We have been holding Town Hall meetings and open session to get feedback from students.

Mr. Callahan discussed the following issues:

1. Potential tuition increase. Affects current students, but also concerned about enrollment and retention. Currently \$213 in Tampa and \$185, which could mean a difference of \$3,000 for the degree. Chair Shinn noted that part of the reason we are so low is that we do not have the large support services here.

2. Change in admissions standards may affect diversity. Access to education like we have at USFSM is important especially within our community.
3. Ability to retain autonomy and unique identity. Would like to have our leaders govern from this campus rather than Tampa. In some areas, we are stronger than other campuses and want to retain that. Chair Shinn pointed out that USFSM numbers for PBF enhances Tampa. Dr. Jain emphasized that they are the USFSM campus board even though they are part of the larger system. Most students would agree that local government governs best.
4. How does it affect budget moving forward. Concerned about numbers as it relates to preeminence and our ability to actual gain those funds.
5. He does not know answer to some questions:
  - a. Will it affect degree programs?
  - b. How does it affect degrees from 2011-2019?
  - c. How does it affect SGA at USFSM?

He will come back with more data as well as the positive aspects of the reunification. They want to be involved and part of the process.

Chair Shinn emphasized that they are all accredited degrees and the goal is to stay focused on students.

Mr. Piccolo asked how admissions standards were different between the 3 institutions. Mr. Callahan responded that the fees are lower here. Chair Shinn explained the ranking of the institutions by cost of tuition. He explained how some students would start at the regional campuses and then make their way to Tampa which would affect our rates. But, with one accreditation, “swirl” will not affect USF as a whole as much as it does now. Access is important and is a concern for everyone. Students are concerned that with higher admission, students will have to go to SCF or other colleges.

Chase Connin (CFO USFSM SGA) asked how Florida Prepaid would be affected. Also concerned about how reunification will affect the value of a USFSM diploma. Chair Shinn provided that the accreditation is part of the protection. As the brand improves, regardless of campus, we all improve.

Dr. Holbrook explained the Science and Research Building in terms of her vision of making it an impactful and innovative space. Student involvement is key.

Discussion around how to move forward on current proposed restoration of funding as well as the new building. Mr. Welch recommended that board members speak to legislators about the funding especially the importance of the dollars from vetoes (restoration of funds, additional funds, preliminary dollars for the building).

Mr. Piccolo made a motion to be supportive of the legislation as it relates to reunification. Dr. Jain seconded the motion. Discussion regarding how to voice support of the reunification language only. Members decided to stay with the existing motion from the February 1, 2018 campus board meeting and to voice that support to the USF Board of Trustees. Mr. Piccolo rescinded the motion.

Future meeting dates were discussed including April 11 and 18 as well as to continue with the regular meeting on April 26.

Chair Shinn thanked the students for their input and continued participation. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.