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USF Consolidation Task Force Call

July 26, 2018

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Ellen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. He welcomed the members and thanked them for joining the call.

II. New Business – Agenda Items

a. Approval of June 29, 2018 Meeting notes

There was a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on June 29th. The motion passed.

III. New Business – Information Items

a. Subcommittee Updates

Chair Ellen reminded members that each subcommittee has an aggressive timeline, and it is important not to duplicate work even if overlap exists between subcommittee focus areas. He clarified that though the scope of the Shared Governance and Transparency Subcommittee includes “developing and delivering integrated academic programs”, the Student Success, Academic Programs and Campus Identity Subcommittee is the one to address this issue.

Chair Ellen called on the chairs of the subcommittees to provide updates on their progress to date, noting each subcommittee has had at least one hearing.

Anddrikk Frazier updated the members on the outcome of Student Access Hearing held on August 7th. He explained the subcommittee heard from representatives who addressed the barriers facing students access and mechanisms to overcome these barriers. Speakers included representatives from the USF System financial aid offices, FUSE, HCC+SPC, UnidosNow, and USF System admissions. He noted several concerns that were raised during the presentations including minority enrollment, consolidated admissions standards, and increased awareness of scholarships for all students including under-served, low-income, or first-generation families. Additionally, there was discussion on how to better market the University to local high caliber students so they will not go out of state.

Mike Griffin updated the members regarding the Student Success, Academic Programs, and Campus Identity Subcommittee. Representatives from the Florida Board of Governors, USF System academic affairs and USF System innovative education provided

information regarding the process on creating new degree programs in the State of Florida, SACS requirements, and online course delivery modes and methods. Future hearings will examine expanded academic program delivery, degree access and delivery options in the context of consolidation. He noted the subcommittee is focused on making sure the University is meeting the needs of both industry and student demand.

Finally, Melissa Seixas gave an update on the Shared Governance and Transparency Subcommittee. At the most recent hearing, the subcommittee heard from experts regarding BOG regulations, USF BOT policies, SACS regulations, and USF shared services. Committee recommendations will mainly be driven by current BOG regulations and legislation. Additionally, USF's resources were discussed and she noted that many are already shared. Ms. Seixas said that during subsequent hearings the committee will be looking at equal representation and balance in student government and how to leverage shared services and limited resources at different campuses.

Chair Ellen explained that the Task Force Committees are now at the point to consider how to structure recommendations. He envisions the final report to include an Executive Summary, major takeaways, summary of speakers and public comment; followed by Phase 1 (includes top 5 recommendations) and Phase 2 (all other recommendations). He noted that as a Task Force it is important to send recommendations to the Board of Trustees that can be realistically implemented and allow time to do so effectively and successfully.

Chair Ellen also informed the members that USF System Business and Finance leadership will present to the whole Task Force during the Aug 22nd meeting.

b. Internal Implementation Committee Update

Peter Stokes, managing director at Huron Consulting Group, gave an update regarding the internal Consolidation Implementation Committees. He explained the committees have divided into six subcommittees, which are then comprised of smaller teams. The internal committees are made up of faculty, staff and students from all three USF campuses. They have identified charges for each subcommittee as well as subtasks regarding which elements are relevant to each team.

c. Town Hall Structure

Chair Ellen explained the structure for the Town Hall meetings. He noted the first Town Hall is fast approaching and is scheduled for August 22nd at USF Tampa in the Marshall Student Center, Room 3707 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Immediately following the Town Hall will be an in person Task Force meeting.

The Town Hall structure will follow the public comment at the hearings, at which each person must complete a comment card to receive three minutes to speak. Chair Ellen will also read any comment received via the web portal to be reflected on the record.

Staff is working on distributing a flyer to students, faculty, staff and community members. He noted it is critical for the committee to hear from the outside community and asked for each member to distribute the flyer to the community and encourage public

comment at a Town Hall meeting. Ms. Beles will send out the flyer to the Task Force members to distribute.

IV. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Ellen adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm. The next scheduled meeting is August 22, 2018, USF Tampa, Marshall Student Center Room 3707, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Town Hall) 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Task Force Meeting).