

USF St. Petersburg Town and Gown

Minutes of Meeting - Friday, May 20, 2022

Lynn Pippenger Hall

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Ashley Gairing, President, called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. She welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to Dr. Gary Patterson and asked him to provide the Campus Update.

CAMPUS UPDATE

Dr. Gary Patterson, Interim Dean, Kate Tiedemann School of Business and Finance provided the campus update.

- Dr. Patterson stated that he has enjoyed speaking to Town and Gown in the past and thanked the organization for its great relationship with the community.
- It is an exciting time at USF. President Law announced that Christian Hardigree will be the next Regional Chancellor for USFSP. Chancellor Hardigree is currently the head of the School of Hospitality at Metropolitan State University of Denver. She will be joining the university on July 1, 2022.
- Dr. Patterson gave an additional thank you to outgoing Chancellor Martin Tadlock, who focused on students during his tenure at USFSP. As a tribute, a scholarship fund has been established in his name.
- There is energy and excitement on campus. The campus is growing and meeting enrollment goals. Students will be back in the classrooms this Fall. They are planning several summer programs to integrate students back to campus live. USFSP is also partnering with the Urban League to create a summer success weekend for incoming Bulls.
- The campus is making progress with SPHERE (St Pete/Pinellas Higher Education for Race Equity), with a focus on Diversity, Equality, and Including programming.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Ashley Gairing thanked Amy Thomas and her team for all their work the past two years on Town and Gown. She thanked Aramark for the luncheon. She thanked the Town and Gown executive team for their service. And she thanked everyone who brought donations for the food pantry.

Secretary's Report: Chloe Firebaugh requested approval of the Minutes of Meeting from April 29, 2022. Moved by Dawn Sumner. Seconded by Howard Rutherford. Approved by majority.

Treasurer's Report: Sudsy Tschiderer reported that the current balance (as of May 17, 2022) is \$8,151.22. Expenditures were \$812.50 and Revenues/Contributions were \$663.85.

1st Vice President's Report – Programs: Dawn Sumner stated that we have heard from Dr. Sandra Vernon-Jackson about the Call Me MiSTER program and Dr. Shelly Wagers on research and work on human trafficking. Today's speaker is Alison Barlow from the Innovation District. If you have any follow-up questions for Alison Barlow after her talk today, please reach out to Amy Thomas and she will pass them along. Program suggestions are always welcome and renewal forms will include a spot where you can provide us with recommendations for who you would like to speak at the 2022-2023 Town & Gown luncheons.

2nd Vice President's Report – Membership: Howard Rutherford reported that there are currently 61 paid members for the current year. He welcomed new member Jean Irwin and thanked everyone for their membership. The Town and Gown membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st and it is time to renew for the new year. Members may drop off their

