

USF St. Petersburg Town and Gown

Minutes of Meeting - Friday, April 29, 2022

Lynn Pippenger Hall

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Ashley Gairing, President, called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. She welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to Dr. Martin Tadlock and asked him to provide the Campus Update.

CAMPUS UPDATE

Dr. Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor provided the campus update.

- Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton have provided another major gift, a \$14 million grant to fund the new Fintech Center at USPSP. This gift will enable the school to be the center for Fintech not only for USF, but for the region. A partnership has been established with Tampa Bay Wave to create a Fintech accelerator. Sixteen diverse organizations are on board already with the accelerator.
- The campus is on track to meet enrollment goals again after COVID. The campus had 700 additional students this past Fall and are on target to meet that number again this year. The new residence hall will be open for students and Dr. Tadlock expects to have a waiting list of students interested in living there.
- The campus has received operational funding from the Legislature (awaiting the Governor's signature) for the Environmental and Oceanographic Sciences Research and Teaching Facility. The \$75 million allocation will be used to build/remodel the facility on the existing Marine Center Complex. The campus is looking to raise another \$25 million to outfit the facility once constructed.
- Dr. Tadlock is stepping down on June 17, 2022. The search process for his replacement is in its final stage. Four individuals are being interviewed next week and President Law will be making the final selection soon.
- Dr. Tadlock thanked Town and Gown for all they have done to support students, facility, and the institution. He stated that their involvement has made an impact on campus every single year.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Ashley Gairing thanked Dr. Tadlock for his service to the campus. She thanked Amy Thomas and her team for all their work putting together 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 March 18, 2022. Moved by Pam Hatton. Seconded by Dawn Sumner. Approved by majority.

1st Vice President's Report – Programs: Dawn Sumner shared the names of upcoming speaker: Alison Barlow, executive director of the St. Petersburg Innovation District, on May 20. Your suggestions and feedback on programs are encouraged.

2nd Vice President's Report – Membership: Howard Rutherford reported that there are currently 60 paid members for the current year. He thanked everyone for their membership and reminded them that their membership has allowed Town and Gown to provide \$130,000 in awards to deserving campus programs since 2001. The Town and

Gown membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st. If members join today, the dues for the remainder of this membership year will be reduced to \$50. Contact Amy or Molly for more information.

Treasurer's Report: Sudsy Tschiderer reported that the current balance (as of April 29, 2022) is \$8,299.87.

Old Business:

Town and Gown Award: Pam Hatton announced that her committee, consisting of Mary Wyatt Allen, Susan Hicks, and herself, would be meeting next month to select the award recipient. The recipient of the \$5,000 award will be announced at the May 20th annual meeting. Please contact Pam with any questions.

Town and Gown Nominating Committee: Rachael Russell DeVicente thanked Dr. Tadlock for his service. She presented the slate, which will be presented at the May 20th annual meeting. The Nominating Committee consisted of Carol Russell, Sarah Lonquist, and Rachael Russell DeVicente. The slate is:

President	Dawn Sumner
1 st Vice President – Programs	Pam Hatton
2 nd Vice President - Membership	Howard Rutherford
Secretary/Treasurer	Sudsy Tschiderer
Awards Committee Chair	Chloe Firebaugh

New Business: There was no new business.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION and PRESENTATION

Dawn Sumner introduced Dr. Shelly M. Wagers, Assistant Professor of Criminology. Dr. Wagers' primary research interests include examining the relationship between power, control and Interpersonal Violence (IPV), along with developing evidence-based practices for IPV policies and programs. Dr. Wagers has worked in the IPV field for over 25 years: first as an advocate, then as a law enforcement officer and now as a scholar. Dr. Wagers regularly consults with various state and national agencies on the implementation of best practices related to IPV along with publishing and presenting her research.

Dr. Wagers collaborated with several USF faculty to develop and direct the USF Trafficking in Persons (TIP) – Risk to Resilience (human trafficking) Lab. Dr. Wagers leads the BRIGHT Project (Bridging Resources and Information Gaps in Human Trafficking). BRIGHT is a collaborative effort with human trafficking direct service providers and local community stakeholders to build an electronic database that leverages location technology and menu-driven criteria selection to efficiently match and utilize available support services. The BRIGHT digital interface will facilitate the USF TIP Lab's creation of a statewide human trafficking data repository for the state.

ADJOURNMENT

Gairing reminded members to invite a prospective member to the annual meeting. She adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2022

*Respectfully submitted,
Chloe Firebaugh, Secretary*

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