The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Elizabeth Larkin. The Minutes from the April 28, 2011 meeting were approved with noted changes. The Minutes from the May 4, 2011 conference call were approved as presented.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Elizabeth Larkin

a. President Larkin and Richard Smith attended the May meeting of the ACFS in Tallahassee. Chancellor Frank Brogan reported on (1) the budget legislative process, (2) his role in the Higher Ed Coordinating Committee (HECC), and (3) his planned visits to each campus BOT with the newly elected chair. The ACFS has drafted a Statement of Shared Governance document which will be sent to ACFS members to vote on and adopt. Representatives from each of the institutions will be asked to take the document back to their respective campuses to either adopt it or a similar one.

Dr. Smith commented that the savings generated from the mandatory 3 percent employee retirement contribution would be redistributed to the institutions. However, what the money is going to be used for is indeterminate at this time. He cautioned that the FAC needs to watch this.

b. President Larkin reminded members that today at 5 p.m. was the deadline for filling out the on-line evaluation for President Judy Genshaft.

ELECTION OF FAC OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 – Richard Smith

At this time, Vice Provost Graham Tobin left the meeting.

Dr. Smith, chair of the Election Committee, thanked the members of the Committee – Richard Plank, Huntington Potter, Lynn McBrien – for their assistance, with a special thanks to Philip Levy for providing input on how to conduct the election. Abstention from voting was discussed as to why it happens and how to avoid it from happening. Two issues surfaced (1) information was not received that it was time to vote, and (2) someone was not satisfied with any of the candidates. Dr. Smith then reviewed the rules for proxy voting.

The two candidates for President of the USF System Faculty Advisory Council were Elizabeth Bird and Elizabeth Larkin. At this time, the candidates were given 2 minutes to answer each of the following:
1. What experience/knowledge do you have about each of the four USF institutions, and what would you propose to enhance this experience and knowledge for yourself?
2. How does your background in teaching and research allow you to have an understanding of faculty issues across the USF System?
3. What do you think is the most important issue facing the USF System faculty (or in general) at this time?
4. As a member of the Board of Trustees, how will you work to educate the other members about USF System faculty concerns and ensure that they are being addressed?
5. To what extent do you perceive misunderstanding and/or ignorance among local faculty about the concerns of faculty at other USF institutions? What would you do to reduce such misunderstanding and ignorance?

Questions from the floor were also answered before the first round of voting which resulted in a 10-10 tie. Discussion was held as to how to break this tie. One suggestion was to put in the Bylaws a form of power sharing whereby the new president cannot be preceded by someone from the same campus. President Larkin cautioned the need to protect inequity if an alternating system is created.

In an attempt to move the process along, Richard Smith was nominated for president. The nomination was seconded, but Dr. Smith declined the nomination. At this time, Richard Plank motioned that the following sentence be inserted in the Bylaws: a new incoming president must be from a different USF institution than their predecessor. The motion was seconded. There was a call to question. The motion unanimously passed. A second motion was made by Richard Plank that by acclamation, Elizabeth Bird has been elected as president. The motion was seconded and discussed. There was a call to question after which Dr. Plank withdrew the motion.

At this time, a second round of voting resulted in Elizabeth Bird receiving 18 votes. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that Elizabeth Larkin be thanked for being the first President of the USF System FAC.

RESEARCH COUNCIL – Richard Smith

Based upon feedback from the Research Council and Vice President Karen Holbrook, the issue of internal awards needs to be revisited from the beginning. Dr. Smith recommended that the FAC may want to invite Dr. Holbrook and the Research Council chair to one of the first meetings in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

a. The Election Committee will discuss the vice president election process and send its recommendations to FAC members.

b. A motion was made and seconded that the FAC should meet in June. Discussion was held. Items to be addressed included the budget, faculty raises and the 3 percent mandatory retirement contribution, the vice president position, the creation of a list of faculty representatives to serve on advisory councils, and the fall schedule of meetings. It was agreed to hold the meeting on June 22, 2011 on the Tampa campus to coincide with the Board of Governors meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. An agenda will be generated by the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting: June 22, 2011, Tampa campus.