

CAS Faculty Council Spring 2018 Report

Mission:

The Faculty Council advises the Dean on any matter of concern to CAS, including budget and policy. It addresses issues brought to it by the Dean and the Dean's representatives and raises issues for the Dean's consideration. It also receives petitions from Faculty and encourages faculty suggestions. . . It may also advise the CAS Standing Committees, Faculty Committees, and the whole Faculty on any matter of concern to CAS. We exist to serve and represent CAS Faculty. Please assist in your own governance! Help us help you, by making yourself heard through your Faculty Council.

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- Met 4 times during the semester, January 12, February 9, March 23, and April 13.
- The Council began to distribute to all CAS faculty materials from the Council of Chairs monthly meetings.
- Dr. Brescia sent articles to the Council and to the Deans about the assessment “fever” and the current status of the Humanities at United States universities.
- The Faculty Council elected members to the 2018-2019 CAS Standing Committees.
- Dean Einseberg visited with the Council on the first meeting and provided information about the college enrollment (up). He also updated the council on the new General Education Curriculum, the new budget model (Responsibility Centered Management) and news about graduate student recruitment and USF's strategic plan.
- Dean Eisenberg visited with the Council on the third meeting and provided information on major issues: (1) The impending reunification of USF; (2) the increase in Title IX/DIEO cases/complaints; (3) guns on campus and the possibility of more mental counselors hires and more police officers hires and (4) college degrees tied to employability
- Associate Dean Cleveland-Roberts updated the Council on the Provost's request for revisions of the curriculum. All departments are currently working on “curriculum maps”.
- The subcommittee on CAS' Governance Document (Dr. Prince, Dr. Greek and Dr. Jonoska) continued to work with Associate Dean Bell. The Council will have a final draft by next spring so it can be submitted to a vote by the college faculty.
- Dr. Braver continued to explore options to develop a Tuition Consortium for USF.
- Dr. Walczak presented a proposal on the Employee Tuition Program to the Faculty Executive Committee (USF Senate). It was resolved that the Provost will put together a subcommittee to address the issue.
- Dr. Greek headed the effort around the issue around the religious groups that are speaking outside of Cooper Hall in the area out by the tables and Subway, harassing students and disrupting office time. It was learned that USF will be looking at designating this area a quiet/study zone.

- Dr. James Garey, USF Faculty Senate President, visited with the Council. He provided updates about the Tuition Consortium and the Employee Tuition program. He also stated the Senate will revisit the issue of the evaluation system.
- Dr. Eric Hoyer from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs visited with the Council and provided information about new offer letters and new recruitment procedures. The Council insisted on the need to provide better information and create a community culture for current and incoming postdoc students.
- Dr. Frances Ramos and Dr. Richard Manning, members of the Diversity Committee, visited with the Council, and provided information on diversity initiatives for CAS. The Council discussed the following items: 1) all academic units in CAS will have a “Diversity Liaison” with whom the Diversity Committee can communicate, share information, and work to enhance diversity and inclusion in the college (tenured faculty member); 2) Liaisons from across departments will meet once a semester; 3) the Dean’s Office will make resources available to academic units to enhance diversity and inclusion; 4) Department chairs will undergo diversity training once a year and liaisons will undergo diversity training upon being elected to their positions and; 5) chairs will include a brief report in their annual report on any department activities regarding diversity and inclusion.
- Associate Dean Randy Larsen visited with the Council in the last meeting and provided information on his office’s restructuring and different areas of emphasis: (1) funding, metrics, and support for faculty (2) infrastructure; shared and core facilities; (3) corporate partnerships; (4) research visibility; (5) internal awards; (6) space productivity index; (7) world class scholars program and (8) web tools.