

USF College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 22, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Attendees:

Stephen Aikins	✓	Byron Miller	✓		Allison Cleveland-Roberts	☒	Toru Shimizu	✓
Chantale Bégin	✓	Scott Perry	✓		Eric Eisenberg	☒	Paul Schulz	☒
Anthony Coy	✓	Jarod Roselló	✓		Daniel Kanouff	☒	Susan Toler	☒
Karla Davis-Salazar	✓	Steven Reader	✓		Paul Kirchman	✓		
Michelle Hughes Miller	✓	Hariharan Srikanth	✓		Randy Larsen	☒		
Jennifer Johnson	✓	Stephan Schindler	✓		Magali Michael	✓		
David Merkler	✓	Razvan Teodorescu	☒		Robert Potter	✓		

Attachments: Faculty Council Agenda 10-22-21
USF Strategic Planning Committee Presentation Final Draft 10_12_21

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action / Follow-Up
1)	Old Business	1. Minutes were approved from last meeting held on September 22, 2021 pending adding Diversity Chair Cassandra Yacovazzi's last name to section 10 of New Business.	
2)	New Business	Dean Eisenberg unable to attend meeting, Robert Potter in his place. 1. The Strategic Plan will be presented to Chairs and Associate Deans. No changes to plan, just adding new metrics to goals. Made aware this it is a draft and work in progress. Draft uploaded to meeting by Anthony. 2. Interim President Rhea Law is working to fix budgeting system, focusing on budget reallocation. 3. Registrar's Office has kept the original date for grade submission for December 14, 2021 instead of previously announced December 12, 2021. 4. Dean Magali announced there is currently a search going on for new Chancellor on USF. St. Petersburg campus. New Proposed FL Legislation:	

		<p>5. FL Legislation HB57: Would include a ban on using critical race theory in training, policy or more in public schools, colleges and universities. It would also ban a 10-point list of “divisive concepts,” including topics around sexism and “race or sex scapegoating.” As a part of the Women’s and Gender Department, Michelle Hughes-Miller stated this bill would go against the values of the department and its teachings. For not, just watching and waiting to see how the bill progresses.</p> <p>Tuition Exchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chantale noted that there was some interest at the Faculty Senate Meeting about having the Tuition exchange for dependents of Faculty at USF. She stated that there are some budget issues, but that tuition support for dependents of faculty is in negotiations. ○ Jennifer Johnson asked about the Tuition Exchange also being offered to Staff at USF with dependents. It was stated that they were under the assumption that it would apply but not certain. <p>6. Fall Assembly will be held on December 10, 2021 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm via Microsoft Teams to allow for accessibility across all USF campuses.</p> <p>7. Chair Steven Reader went over CAS Standing Committee Liaison Program with CAS Faculty Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scott Perry – Liaison to Library Committee ▪ Chantale Begin – Liaison to Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee ▪ Jarod Rosello – Liaison to Core Facilities ▪ Stephen Aikins – Liaison to Technology Committee ▪ Stephan Schindler - Liaison to Faculty Development ▪ Diversity Committee – (Vacant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steven met with Diversity Chair Cassandra Yacovazzi and Toru in order to discuss possibility of website for the Diversity Committee website under Faculty Affairs. Was decided that it would be difficult to maintain the content but they would opt for a more static approach. Instead, Steven discussed having committee members listed for each committee with a thumbnail photo, mission statement that way it can be kept up to date and help with recruiting new members. This would also be beneficial for the CAS Faculty council as well. Steven will be working with Michael Abrahams’s CCE team to update the material listed on the Faculty Affairs website. ○ Michelle Hughes-Miller agreed and notes that having an email account may be beneficial as well, for answering any questions and being able to communicate with the Faculty Council. This could be done by answering the person directly via email or posting a response on the website. Hari Srikanth noted possibly adding a direct link such as their LinkedIn or CV/Resume to each member of the committee name, that way an individual can see each individual’s specialty. 	
3)	Update from Faculty Senate	<p>Anthony Coy informed Faculty Council that Faculty senate met September 29, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated that COVID taskforce has been dissolved as numbers have been low. ○ No progress with the Union ○ Proposing a “Budget Council” that will be transparent and helping Leadership with regards to investments, etc. 	

4)	Dean's remarks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Toru let Council know that Faculty searches for fall 2022 have all been approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/3 of searches currently going on and remaining will be opened this month. 30 Total Sabbatical applications, and will be reviewed by the Provost office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 - Half pay for the full year 17 – Competitive Distinguished University Professor (DUP) nominations due by next month. Due to challenges in appointing members to Undergraduate and Graduate Committees, Dean's Office is seeking to make change to Governance Document. With this change, it would allow for one undergraduate committee and one graduate committee that would suffice for each school and college, instead of 8 different committees. Same number of individuals would need to be appointed, but it would make the process smoother. Allison Cleveland-Roberts and Bob Potter working on draft document. 	
5)	Final Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Steven noted he still needed to follow up regarding list of HVAC improvements. 	Steven will reach out to Physical Plant for updated list of HVAC's that have been replaced for next meeting.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021 2pm

Minutes Submitted by: Dominique Williams