

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2019

Attendees: Eric Eisenberg, Lee Braver, Cecil Greek, Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Antoinette Jackson, Nataša Jonoska, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, Steven Walczak, Brailen Guerra, Randy Larsen, Elizabeth Aranda, Mark Goldman, Jennifer Johnson, Jane Jorgenson, Sarah Kruse, Stephen Prince, Robin Erasing.

Absent: Pablo Brescia, Elizabeth Bell, Robert Potter.

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Simeon-Jones
- II. Review of Minutes: A couple of minutes were taken to review the minutes and changed as follows:
 - Change the it in tuition to tuition exchange
 - Change the last tracking to dean agreed to become the Liaison
 - Move to change was proposed and agreed.
 - Minutes approved
- III. Dean's remarks: Dean Eisenberg gave an update on several items.
 - All the reports were due to the executive committee at 10 am Feb 8th. EC will meet during the weekend to review the reports.
 - The EC will create a giant PDF that will be compiled from all the committee reports and have it as a public record
 - The Provost office will present the gathered information in the Board of Trustees in MSC3707 from 8-11am.
 - Presidential search is still going along and everything will happen in the third week of March. Search firm is looking for people who is interested, but no one will dictate that they are candidates until the third.
- IV. Old Business:
 - Consolidation:
 - February 12 there is a board of trustees meeting. The provost office will be taking all the committee's comments and concerns and present it to the board of trustees
 - Faculty feedback will continue. Nothing is set in stone until the provost proposes to the board of trustees.

- What is 055? What are the administration's policy to have the faculty go through the 055, or legal regulations to have the faculty input their voice.

V. New Business:

- Communication issues, with not having access to the Faculty Email Contact List. Further conversation is needed to resolve the communication barrier to the College's Faculty
- The provost face is looking at the way summer semester works. Interested in pushing out the 4 year graduation rate. Proposing that the next summer that the finance department and engineering will have 3 back to back to back 4 week sessions and two overlapping 8 week sessions.
 - Our students are not in the same nature of the students to be able to do that school work. As they need to have a minimum of school hours to have financial aid and work at the same time. This would work if it were the only class they are taking.
- The writing studio reduced staffing and hours. The students will only have reservations who are registered to ENC comp one and two.
 - A budgetary issue and they have to shift to a more narrow focus. Laura Runge is working to get the staffing back into what it was before.
- Robin Erasing, a guest speaker who had a couple of things to share with us:
 - Been with USF for 15 years in the School of Public Affairs (SPA) who only have faculty in the Tampa campus. The Faculty thought that they were fine with all the consolidation process going on.
 - Got a phone call from dean from the College of Behavior and Community Sciences (CBCS) saying that they will be coming over to their college.
 - The Faculty from CBCS got together and voted to have the union, but the faculty from SPA only heard of this event after it occurred.
 - SPA chair was told that the CAS was being split and he was put in a cluster to work out how to transition
 - Social Sciences Cluster invited Dr. Erasing while Dr. Himmelgreen was the chair. They crafted language to specify that they will like to stay in the CAS. 8-1 to proceed.

- Chair of the Social Sciences Cluster invited the dean of BCS and the faculty expressed the intentions. When asked about the input about the Faculty and when asked if it will change any of the proposal that was implemented the dean mentioned that there was no way to change the proposal.
- There is an upset that the faculty was never asked for any feedback for this proposal.
- SPA is written to a cluster proposal into merging into the college of BCS. Nothing written into the report about the Faculty input. 10 055 was never followed throughout this process.
- Reason to coming into the FC is to see if there could be any support for SPA to take a stand to stay in CAS.

VI. Meeting Adjourned