2015 Fall CAS Faculty Development Committee:

The CAS Faculty Development Committee was not able to review grant proposals due to budgetary cuts. However, the committee did work on changing the grants rubric so that Assistant professors would not be ranked higher than Associate or Full professors, as Assistant Professors can still rely on their start-up funds. The proposal to eliminate rank as a priority for funding was discussed at length, was voted on approved by a majority of the committee. The committee is also working on what it perceives as a fairly common occurrence of "burn-out" of Associate Professors upon achieving tenure, and on ways to help promote their scholarship. The committee is looking forward to reviewing applications for its pilot, travel and equipment grants next semester.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Madrigal, PhD.