CAS Faculty Council Report Fall 2017

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 within any of the administrative structures of CAS, 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.

Fall 2017 Report (submitted by Pablo Brescia pbrescia@usf.edu)

- Met 4 times during the semester, September 15, October 10, November 17, and December 1.
- Elected new Chair (Dr. Pablo Brescia) and Deputy Chair (Dr. Simeon-Jones)
- Dr. Eisenberg visited the Council on the first meeting and provided information about USF’s Path to Preeminence. There also discussion on the need for more CAS space, a possible Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at USF next year, the World Class Scholar recruitment and a revision of the online Student Evaluation System.
- The subcommittee on CAS’ Governance Document (Dr. Prince, Dr. Greek and Dr. Jonoska) made significant headway into the drafting and changes to the documents and met with Dr. Bell. The Council hopes to have a final draft finalized by next Spring.
- Dr. Braver is in charge of exploring options to develop a Tuition Consortium for USF and contacted the CAS representative in the Faculty Senate to discuss the issue.
- Dr. Walczak and Dr. Jorgenson are in charge of a possible modification to the Employee Tuition Program and have drafted a proposal. Dr. Walczak will be attending the next Faculty Senate meeting to move the issue forward.
- Dr. Jonoska brought to the attention of the Council the issue of Post Docs at USF. Dr. Eric Hoyer will be visiting with the Council in February to discuss the issue.
- Dr. Cecil Greek brought to the attention of the Council the issue around the religious groups that are speaking outside of Cooper Hall in the free speech area out by the tables and Subway, harassing students and disrupting office time. The Council, with the help of Dr. Bell and USF General Counsel, is looking into the issue.
- Dr. Brescia brought to the attention of Council the slow, inadequate response of USF and of CAS to the impact of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico Hurricane and to the Mexico earthquake, especially to students and staff in need of guidance and support.
- The Council is working closely with the Diversity Committee about their updated proposal in the hopes of having a coherent, clear CAS policy about Diversity.
- The change from Computer Committee to Technology Committee and its new charge was approved.