

The USF Core Facilities committee met once in Fall 2015.

We are continuing to address several key issues of the Core Facilities—those facilities that maintain budgets, share equipment, train students, and have managers—including finding infrastructure support of the shared instrumentation facilities at USF. Several key pieces of research equipment have experienced major malfunctions that have been hard to procure funds for fixing in the last year or two. Other equipment is aging or obsolete. These issues merit revisiting facility support from the university, given that these facilities generate the key data for the high research output of our faculty.

The core facilities committee has employed new forms to demonstrate the impact of core facilities on projects that are not currently supported on grants, by recording the pro bono work done by core facilities on these research projects. Additionally, we are working on revising our governance document to ensure compliance with CAS governance and that the committee work is fruitful for its members. This semester, the Core Facilities committee did not review internal research support proposals because of budgetary concerns.

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