

## **CAS Faculty Council Fall 2018 Report (Kersuze Simeon-Jones)**

### **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, 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.

The Committee met 3 times during the Fall semester: September 14, October 12, and November 9.

During the **September 14 meeting** the Committee elected the new Chair and new Chair Deputy for the academic year 2018-2019. The Faculty Council also evaluated and elected members for the Technology and Library committees.

During this first meeting Dean Eisenberg discussed the need to raise tuition, PECO Bonds for buildings, the search to replace President Genshaft, as well as the continuing process of consolidation of the three campuses.

Dr. Potter and Dr. Cleveland-Roberts discussed changes to the Graduate and Undergraduate Committees sections. Faculty members who are selected to serve on those committees must be willing to work on what is required in order to fulfill the committee's functions.

During the **October 12 meeting** the Committee approved the Diversity Committee's Diversity Proposal. Dr. Simeon-Jones submitted the proposal and the recommendation to Dean Eisenberg. For the Governance Document, Dr. Simeon-Jones and the CAS Faculty sub-committee (Dr. Prince, Dr. Greek, and Dr. Jonoska) reviewed and approved the content of the document changes. Dr. Bell subsequently placed the draft of the Governance document on the website for faculty participation. An email address was designated to receive Faculty input (comments, questions or concerns).

Dean Eisenberg updated the council on the Phi Beta Kappa induction at USF, scheduled for April 22, 2019. The Dean also updated the Faculty Council on the interviewing time frame for the president's position. The Dean discussed the push to split the College of Arts and Sciences into two schools.

The Faculty Council Committee drafted a letter that Dr. Simeon-Jones sent to Dr. Mukherjee and Dr. Petersen for a meeting with representatives of the Council: Drs. Brescia and Simeon-Jones. The content of the letter can be viewed from the October 12-minutes. The letter called for the opportunity for greater and more meaningful faculty input, in regard to the structure of the College of Arts and Sciences.

During the **November 9 meeting** the Faculty Council continued the time frame of the consolidation report, the impact of the Huron report, and faculty agency.

Dr. Cleveland-Roberts discussed the posted Huron report and shared the link with the Council.