

## CAS Faculty Council Spring 2019 Report

### 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.

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- The Committee met 4 times during the Spring Semester: January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12.
- During the **January 11** meeting members of the Council were introduced to the new administrative support: Brailen Guerra.
- Dean Eisenberg discussed world scholar money, as well as the focus to hire and retain faculty with high performance. The Dean also discussed the various processes of Consolidation.
- The councilors discussed the upcoming (February 12, 2019) Board of Trustees meeting, where the Provost would present all the committee's comments. The FC also discussed the importance of following the procedures for choosing the candidates for the position of the University new president. The FC agreed that Dr. Simeon-Jones would contact Dr. Charles Stanish for a visit during the FC March 8 meeting, for some clarification on the process.
- During the **February 8** meeting Dean Eisenberg updated the committee on the deadline for the Executive Committee.
- Dr. Robin Ersing visited with the Faculty Council and discussed the ways in which the current state of affairs may impact the future of the School of Public Affairs. In addition, Dr. Ersing and members of the Faculty Council held thoughtful discussions regarding the general consolidation of the University. At the end members of the FC recommended that Dr. Simeon-Jones communicate with Dr. Boaz for a broader understanding of the dynamics that pertain to the School of Public Affairs.
- During the **March 8** meeting Dr. Simeon-Jones updated the FC members on the communication with Dr. Boaz.
- Dr. Bell discussed the progress in revising the CAS governance document. The revised draft of the document will be made available to the general faculty, for input.
- Dr. Stanish visited with the Faculty Council and discussed the composition of search firm as well as their attention the faculty's request to have an academic as the new president. On behalf of the general CAS faculty, members of the Faculty Council suggested a few questions that should be part of the interview process.

- Dr. Cleveland-Roberts discussed the task of re-thinking or re-evaluating the time frame for reading days and final exams, in terms of the approach that would be most beneficial to student success.
- During the **April 12** meeting the Faculty Council discussed the structure and format of the Faculty Assembly, and the state of Faculty attendance.
- The Councilors also pondered ways to continue to encourage greater faculty participation in the CAS governance as well as the University governance.
- Lastly, the Faculty Council hopes that in the Fall of 2019 the Office of the Dean will be able to start implementing the Diversity Committee's Diversity Initiative that was approved by the FC and recommended to the Dean.