

FACULTY COUNCIL SPRING 2020 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.

Spring 2020 Report (submitted by Kersuze Simeon-Jones, ksimeon@usf.edu)

--The Faculty Council Committee met 3 times during the Spring Semester of 2020: January 17, February 7, and April 17.

--It was initially scheduled for the Faculty Council to meet 4 times during the Semester; however, due to the various online teaching and meeting arrangements that needed to be accomplished in March, as a response to the Pandemic, the Council could not convene for the March 2020 meeting

- **During the January 17 meeting:**

-- The Faculty Council discussed the "Principles of Community" meetings that were scheduled and offered suggestions for encouraging greater faculty input, either via physical or virtual attendance

--The Committee exchanged views on the various methods to help advance the process of the Diversity Committee's plan for CAS

--Dr. Elizabeth Bell discussed the deadline for Departments' Governance Document as well as the deadline for the College Governance Document Revision

--Dean Eisenberg updated the Faculty Council on upcoming Budget conversations for consolidation

- **During the February 7 meeting:**

--Dr. Cecil Greek led the February 7 meeting

- **During the April 17 meeting:**

--On behalf of ISLAC Affiliate Faculty Dr. Simeon-Jones inquired about the process for a new Director of ISLAC.

--The Faculty Council discussed and voted on the Proposed Revisions to the CAS Governance Government. For thorough examination, Dr. Bell sent the Proposed Revisions to the Council in advance. However, it was at the April 17 meeting that the Council approved the Proposed Revisions. For the input of the general CAS faculty Dr. Bell posted the Proposed Revisions on the Faculty Affairs webpage.

--From the Provost Office: Two options were outlined for faculty evaluation processes for the Spring Semester of 2020. The Faculty Council discussed the options and each member of the Council independently voted.

--Also, the Council came to the consensus to hold the Spring 2020 Faculty Assembly online as part of the "Live Virtual Spring Assembly Townhall with the Dean." The Council exchanged views on a format that can serve as another venue for CAS faculty and staff to dialogue on our current state of affairs as well as future possibilities.