

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes
January 12, 2018

Attendees: Elizabeth Bell, Lee Braver, Pablo Brescia, Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Eric Eisenberg, Cecil Greek, Mark Goldman, Antoinette Jackson, Jane Jorgenson, Dana Pittman, Stephen Prince, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, Sue Rhinehart, Steven Walczak, Guest Speaker: James Garey

Absent: Nataša Jonoska, Sarah Kruse, Robert Potter

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Brescia
- II. Review of Minutes: November Minutes were reviewed and approved
- III. Dean's Remarks: Dr. Eisenberg brought the council members up to date on the following items.
 - Spring Enrollment: CAS and USF Spring enrollment is up. New Student enrollment is up, but Transfer enrollment is down. Standards are good, and the weighted GPA is 4.0 to get into USF.
 - Couple of things that will be watched during this Legislative session.
 1. Certification Pre-eminence for USF and funding
 2. Blocked Tuition – where students pay for 12 hours and are able to take up to 18 hours. Trying to get a compromise with the legislator on this.
 - New General Education Curriculum: CAS offers most of the general courses. 1st round of reviews we have the higher level of approved courses. Right now Gen Ed is staying within CAS but in the future some courses could move into other colleges.
 - USF is moving to a new Budget Model – Responsible Management Model. It will give department more responsibility of how funds are to be used. The University has been working towards this for several years. The deans meet with the USF president later with month.
 - New Under Graduate Recruiting: New initiative on undergraduate recruitment: use of social media, call center, dividing students by groups. Dean suggested that the FC look into inviting staff from this unit these units to provide more information. This will be a program that is phased in. Innovation Education and Admissions are the groups working with this.
 - Dr. Mukherjee/Provost office has been tasked with writing the Strategic Plan along with several others. Dr. Mukherjee is working on raising the reputation of USF. With the things he has put in place this last year the university has already moved up in the rankings. The committee might want to contact Dr. Mukherjee and have him come speak to the committee in the future. It was decided to place Dr. Mukherjee on our tracking agenda.

IV. Sabbatical Committee Ballot/Election: Dr. Bell let the committee know that they needed to elect 3 new members to serve on the Sabbatical Committee that carries a 3 year term. Nominations were sent to Dr. Bell and the ballot made and was given out in this meeting for the members vote. Dr. Bell counted the nominations and had to hand out a second ballot for a runoff election. The three new members that were elected are: Dr. J. Thompson – Psychology, Dr. M. DeJonge – Religious Studies, Dr. S. Walczak – School of Information.

V. Old Business:

- Dr. James Garey, USF Faculty Senate President came and spoke to the committee members about several items that Faculty Council committee members had brought to his attention. The first item: Tuition Consortium - Dr. Garey said that it showed in the collective bargaining that the university agreed to appoint a committee to explore the subject of tuition assistance for spouses and children of bargaining unit members and it has not been done. The UFF shall be given membership on the committee. A committee will need to be set up and Dr. Garey asked that possibility one or more CAS Faculty Council members volunteer to serve on the committee. Second item: Employee Tuition Program - Dr. Garey asked Dr. Walczak and/or Dr. Jorgenson to come to the executive committee meeting next week and present the proposal. Third item: Free speech zone. Dr. Garey has spoken with Dr. Glover and there needs to be more discussion with General Council and the police about this issue, from the language used to speak about the issue, to what the area in question might be called in the future, to what the law will allow. Fourth item: Dr. Garey let the committee know that the Faculty Senate wants to revisit the evaluation system. They will be evaluating the old paper system vs. new online system and comparing advantages and disadvantages.
- Diversity Proposal: No new information on this proposal. Will move this item to Tracking. Dr. Brescia will contact the Diversity Chair to see if we need to keep this on our agenda.

VI. New Business:

- Ms. Pittman let the committee know that she was sending out the 2018/2019 Faculty Governance Nominations and Elections email to the chairs of CAS departments and requested the committee members speak to their co-workers about the importance of serving on the committees. The committee members requested they be cc'd on the email to the chairs.
- Dr. Brescia had an email from Dr. Chalfant/CMMB about maybe moving the dates and times for the Spring and Fall Assemblies due to a couple of the departments having meeting during those times. The logistics of dates, times, locations and the Dean's availability was discussed. Dr. Brescia will speak with Dr. Chalfant about the departments maybe moving their meetings since it is department's vs college.

- Status of Research Professor Code through GEMS. No longer being used. Dr. Bell said to have the person to contact her directly with their questions.
- Dr. Brescia asked the committee if they wanted him as chair to continue attending the Council of Chairs meetings each month and then sending out the information to the faculty that he had received. Motion was made and seconded and approved for his to do so.
- Dr. Bell let the FC committee and the FC sub-committee for the CAS Governance Document know that she would send the CAS Governance draft out before the next Faculty Council meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned