

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes
January 17, 2014

Attendees: Elizabeth Bell, Michael Brannick, Eric Eisenberg, Vicki Gregory, Cheryl Hall, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Julie Harmon, Nataša Jonoska, Richard Manning, Stephen McNutt, Adriana Novoa, Dana Pittman, Philip Porter, Robert Potter, Christine Probes, Sandy Lovins, guest

Absent: Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Chuck Connor, Kristina Schmidt (Sabbatical)

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Review of Minutes: Minutes from December 2013 meeting were approved with no changes.
- III. Adriana Novoa will be sending out some links to discuss the email sent by Dr. Eisenberg about the BOG perspective on the State University System, and the discussion on efficiencies. She will place this issue on the next month's agenda for discussion.
- IV. Deans' remarks: Dr. Eisenberg discussed the following topics:
 - Deans will be meeting today to discuss budgeting and responsibility management to get access to future revenues. They want to get a percentage of tuition to use in the colleges.
 - Brent Smith is adding TA's to some departments within CAS
 - Council of Deans meeting today. One of the items they will be discussing is performance and how it relates to the funds that a college can receive.
 - Dr. Eisenberg went to Tallahassee and spoke with a group to give them a voice from the College of Arts and Sciences position.
 - CAS is 1 of 2 colleges that will be doing faculty searches.
 - Pressure from legislators around credit hours

Dr. Bell discussed the following topics:

- Dr. Bell announced there will be discussion about how to help departments to create criteria for T&P, and how to evaluate Global, Interdisciplinary, and Community engaging scholarship. The university will create workshops that help with these items.
- The T&P committee will also be looking into the digital process for T&P applications instead of the T&P binders that they are using now.
- There was discussion pertaining to the language in the T&P guidelines, what the provost office is looking for in the applications for T&P, borderline T&P cases, departments having different disciplines, trust issues between the departments and Administration/provost office.

There was a motion approved in the November meeting requesting that Dr. Eisenberg contact and require all CAS departments to develop and justify discipline specific expectations for tenure and promotion, and the process by which their faculty can meet these expectations. There were questions about what has been done regarding this recommendation.

- V. Sandy Lovins, VP, Administrative Services was invited to the faculty council meeting to answer questions regarding decisions made about equipment in classrooms. Dr. Hall spoke about many USF classrooms not having the appropriate equipment. Dr. Hall questioned the decision to remove the lecterns from most classrooms without consultation with faculty. Issues with white boards were brought to Ms. Lovins attention along with ways rooms are set up. Ms. Lovins stated that during the winter break her department had done an inventory in Cooper Hall for equipment issues-especially white boards. She will send that report to the Faculty Council.

The Faculty Council also brought to Ms. Lovins attention the frustration the faculty is having with scheduling certain types of classrooms for the type of classes they are teaching. The committee suggested that in the future a member of Administrative Services attend the CAS chair's meeting or Faculty Council meetings to notify about any plans to make changes in scheduling or classroom equipment in order to consult with faculty before making a decision.

- VI. Old business: no old business
VII. New business: no new business
VIII. Meeting Adjourned