

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT—SPRING 2020

At the beginning of the Spring 2020 semester, the USF College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Faculty Development Committee to discuss the college's travel award program. The program supports foreign and domestic travel for faculty presenting at a major conference. Dean Elizabeth Bell attended this meeting to discuss the role of research and conference travel in the promotion of instructors within the college. Following this discussion, the committee voted to expand eligibility for the travel award to include permanent instructors with a current research assignment. The call for proposals was announced in early March and applications were due on March 24th. Given concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic soon after and the subsequent travel ban by the university, the Office of Research and Scholarship decided to postpone the award program until the travel ban is lifted. The committee will revisit the award program after the travel ban is lifted.