

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

Attendees: Elizabeth Bell, Pablo Brescia, Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Eric Eisenberg, Cecil Greek, Mark Goldman, Jennifer Johnson, Jane Jorgenson, Dana Pittman, Stephen Prince, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, Steven Walczak,

Absent: Lee Braver, Antoinette Jackson, Nataša Jonoska, Sarah Kruse, Robert Potter,

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Simeon-Jones
- II. Review of Minutes: September Minutes were reviewed, correction made and approved
- III. Dean's Remarks: Dr. Eisenberg spoke about the following items:
 - The Phi Beta Kappa induction at USF will be April 22, 2019. The number of student to be inducted has not been determined.
 - President's Search – Dr. Chip Stanish from the CAS is on the committee and will be talking with the CAS Chairs in the CAS Council of Chairs meeting today, and would be willing to speak with the CAS Faculty Council. They are looking at interviewing for the president's position in March 2019 and Dr. Genshaft will be retiring July 1, 2019.
 - Consolidation – There is a push to split the College of Arts and Sciences into two schools. Dr. Mukherjee and Dr. Donna Petersen will be writing the report on the consolidation which is due in the near future. Dr. Eisenberg and Dr. Bell did some research on University's with Colleges of Arts and Sciences on their campus. They found Colleges of Arts and Sciences are usually the largest college on campus with the most courses and students. The Colleges of Arts and Sciences are the Liberal Arts and the Heart of the Universities.
 - The Board of Governors will be meeting at the USF Tampa Campus next week.
- IV. Old Business:
 - The Diversity Committee submitted their updated Diversity Proposal to the CAS Faculty Council and the proposal was approved by the committee to send the recommendation to Dr. Eisenberg. The vote was 6 approved, 0 against, 1 abstained
- V. CAS Governance Document – Dr. Bell let the committee know that the CAS Faculty Affairs webpage (still as a test page) will have a timeline, draft of the document and other information pertaining to the proposed revision. There will be an email address for comments, questions, etc. Email address name is CAS Faculty Affairs, and the email address is cas-faculty-affairs@usf.edu. Dr. Simeon-Jones is to write a paragraph of welcome and send to Dr. Bell to place on the site. The CAS Faculty Council sub-

committee that had been working on the Governance proposal document changes will approve content that Dr. Bell sends them before placing on the webpage.

VI. New Business: none

VII. Discussion on consolidation: The committee discussed what could be done to let Drs. Mukherjee and Petersen know the CAS Faculty Councils opinions of the consolidation before they wrote their report. It was felt that a lot of the CAS faculty did not know these discussions were going on, and there was not enough time to go to the Faculty Senate with the committee's opinions. The CAS Faculty Council has drafted a letter to send to Drs. Mukherjee and Petersen on their opinion of the split. Dr. Simeon-Jones will send the letter drafted by the CAS Faculty Council to Drs. Mukherjee and Petersen. Dr. Simeon-Jones will also request a meeting with Drs. Mukherjee and Petersen with herself and Dr. Brescia to discuss the issue. Below is a draft of the letter.

The current draft of the Huron report proposes that the College of Arts and Sciences be split into two separate colleges. Given the University's recent designation as a preeminent institution, and the recognition of the University's Faculty's role in achieving this elite designation, now is the opportunity to deepen our commitment to faculty engagement and governance. We as the duly elected representatives of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommend that USF follow the already established system policy 10 -055 (see addendum)

<http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-10-055.pdf> and be sure with it specific provisions for greater faculty input and recommendations on any restricting of the College of Arts and Sciences.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

Tracking:

- Dr. Mukherjee – ask him to speak at a FC meeting about what he is doing to raise the reputation of USF.
- New Under Graduate Recruiting initiative – have someone working with this initiative speak at a FC meeting.
- Speech Issue outside Cooper Hall – Dr. Greek and Dr. Walczak will bring any changes to the committee's attention.
- Tuition consortium – Dr. Braver will bring any changes to the committee's attention.