

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes
March 20, 2015

Attendees: Elizabeth Bell, Eric Eisenberg, Cheryl Hall, Nataša Jonoska, Stephen McNutt, Christopher Osovitz, Dana Pittman, Phil Porter, Robert Potter, David Rabson, Amy Rust, Michael Shuman, Guest: Sharon Johnson-Hamilton

Absent: Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Chuck Connor, Vicki Gregory, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Adriana Novoa, Christine Probes

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Review of Minutes: February Minutes were amended and approved.
- III. Deans' remarks: Dr. Eisenberg discussed the following topics:
 - Data around program reviews. Most are fine, with a few that need to be looked at and worked on.
 - The Provost requested a Budget Request off cycle. This is different from last year, he is asking the Dean's for a "wish list" so that if new money comes available he will know what they want to use it for.
 - Board of Governors met and talked about the scorecard and metric ratings. USF moved up to 42 out of 50. This is a result of what is being done here at USF. New money that was received last year, \$23 million, was used to fill mandates and budget deficits. Next year looks like it is going to be a better year. We don't need a lot of money to loosen the strain.
 - Due to GA bonuses this year the college is looking at shortfall in funds and placing a squeeze on several departments. Dr. Eisenberg is attending a meeting today regarding the colleges budget and hopes to free up funds to help cover these bonuses. Adriana Novoa raised questions by email about the squeeze on the department funds. The email will be attached with the minutes.
 - Dr. Eisenberg and Dr. Bell spoke about the T&P cases that are with the Provost office for this year. There were 24 cases. The group that was put forward was very good.
 - Dr. Eisenberg spoke about the School of Global Studies Proposal. This proposal is being driven by the chairs of the three departments that will be included in the school. The faculty of the three department have recently been brought up to date on the proposal. The next step will be for all faculty to have the opportunity to see the proposal and respond. Faculty Council members, David Rabson with Stephen McNutt as backup, will write a cover letter to go with the proposal to send to the CAS Faculty requesting their input. David will collect all

responses and will present them at the next CAS Faculty Council meeting set for April 24, 2015.

- IV. Nominations were completed by the Faculty Council for the 2015-2016 Standing Committees with the exception of two committees for which we are still seeking nominees. Once these nominees have been received, they will be presented to the Faculty Council.
- V. Revised T&P document: The Faculty Council determined that more time was needed for a thorough faculty review of this document. It was decided to appoint a subcommittee from Faculty Council members (Cheryl Hall, Natasa Jonoska, Adriana Novoa, and Chris Probes) to 1) help prepare a request for an extension from the provost office of the deadline for the document; 2) get the information out to the faculty; and 3) set up town halls meetings. May 15, 2015 is still the deadline for the departments to get their 1st draft of the departments T&P procedures to Dr. Bell.
- VI. It was determined that another meeting of the Faculty Council is needed before the spring semester is over. We will have another Faculty Council meeting to discuss the T&P document, the New School Proposal, and to complete nominations for the two remaining Standing Committees.
- VII. Faculty Council will meet on April 24, 2015.
- VIII. New Business: For 1st meeting in Fall 2015
 - Look at the Diversity Committee Charge
 - Adriana's item that was expressed in the attached email pertaining to information coming out of the Council of Chairs meetings. Should it be the role of Faculty Council to attend Council of Chairs meeting and forward a record to the faculty?
 - Nataša Jonoska reported a conversation with a member of the CAS Library Committee in which displeasure with the way the library handled discontinuing some journals was expressed. Phil Porter agreed to write the chair of the Library Committee to gather information.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned