

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes
March 25, 2016

Attendees: Eric Eisenberg, Michael Brannick, Nataša Jonoska, Michelle Kinzie, Stephen McNutt, Adriana Novoa, Dana Pittman, Phil Porter, Robert Potter, Christine Probes, Michael Shuman

Absent: Elizabeth Bell, Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Vicki Gregory, Cheryl Hall, Christopher Osovitz, Amy Rust,

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Review of Minutes: February Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- III. Randy Larsen, CAS Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship, spoke with the Faculty Council about his mission, and the mission for the CAS Research and Scholarship Department. Randy spoke about initiatives, strategic planning, grant writing opportunities, issues and the new research website and tools. He talked about what the department has been working on and some of the ways they are trying to help make things easier when working with grants. They are working on building the college's portfolio and removing obstacles when trying to submit grant proposals. They are also looking at more interdisciplinary opportunities and trying to help get the right people together to make this happen.
- IV. Dean's Remarks: Dr. Eisenberg did a brief overview of the following items.
 - Dr. Eisenberg commented that the Research Model was broken and they are working on fixing it. They are in negotiations with the University for more Funds.
 - Dr. Eisenberg stated that out of the 7 Diversity Hires the President called for the university, that CAS received 3 of those. The University campus wide is working on Diversity for faculty, staff and students. CAS Strategic committee will work closely with our CAS Diversity committee and with input from the Faculty Council to determine what is needed for CAS. Dr. Eisenberg doesn't want to rush to a solution until they are sure what we want and need.
 - Had a pretty good legislature session. Hoping to get more emerging preeminence dollars in CAS. May receive more Performance Funding funds in CAS this year. USF is fourth place in performance funding this year. Having issues with our excess hours which is one of the areas that is looked at for performance funding. They are looking into this.
 - RCM – There is a meeting on Monday.

- 28 T&P cases were sent to the Provost Office. There were 7 or 8 cases that were pulled mostly due to mixed votes and mixed department votes. Some were faculty going up early. The President will make the final decision.

V. Old Business:

- CAS Governance Document – The committee is ready to send the document to the faculty and let them have the opportunity to look at the changes that have been discussed and have an opportunity to make suggestions. Once the faculty has had an opportunity to look over the document and add their suggestions, the committee will pass a completed document to the Faculty Council for Fall 2017 to be able to move forward with the next step.
- Did not have time to complete our old business. Will move “Meaning of Representation of the Faculty Council” to the agenda for the next meeting.

VI. Meeting Adjourned