

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

PRESENT: John Cochran, Chuck Connor, Eric Eisenberg, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Julie Harmon, Richard Manning, Kelly Page Werder, Robert Potter, Philip Reeder, Bernd Reiter, Sandy Schneider, Mary Sweely, Sharon Johnson-Hamilton

ABSENT: Catherine Beneteau, James Cavendish (Sabbatical), Adriana Novoa, Christine Probes, Kristina Schmidt, Hari Srikanth

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Introduction of old and new members.
- III. April 27th meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Deans' remarks: Int. Associate Dean of Research & Scholarship, Dr. Chuck Connor spoke about CAS internal awards. He stated that there will be at least 40 awards of \$1500 to be awarded. He handed out the guidelines for these and asked the Faculty Council to review them and to give their suggestions. Regarding the scoring rubric, Dr. Sandy Schneider suggested that #4 be changed to #1, and that #2 be deleted. Council members emphasized that the quality of the proposed research and its potential to make an impact on the relevant field and on the university's research profile is paramount, and that the mere fact that a proposal requests funds of a prioritized sort should not be regarded as making it more worthy of support on its own. Regarding funding priorities, it was suggested that payment for external expert/consulting services be placed as a medium priority, and that it should be made explicit that no travel is to be to

be paid if the person attending a conference or workshop is not presenting. It was suggested that funding priorities be streamlined.

Dr. Eisenberg distributed a memo that he had previously sent out to the CAS Chairs and Directors. This memo outlined several issues, mainly the budget and how the Provost is working to keep the college budgets stable through being funded through “recurring rather than one-time only funds sources. He also stated that Graham Tobin is leading a new committee on a new Strategic Plan. All in all he says Florida is looking strong.

Dr. Cochran indicated that between 57-60 searches were approved. Some of these were new lines and there were lines for undergraduate & STEM & new faculty from Lakeland.

Dr. Potter informed the group that the legislature has decided to reduce the general education course requirements from 36 to 30 hours, and to reduce the number of courses that satisfy the requirement. This is likely to have significant effects on demands, enrollments and FTE counts, varying from department to department depending on whether they lose or gain Gen Ed courses.

V. Proposed School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs:

John Daly of the School of Public Administration gave a brief outline of the proposal for this new department. Dr. Daly stated that this new department would focus on grant proposals & community engagement.

Several council members asked where this new school would be housed and asked if this was a new school within CAS or a unit within SSS. Dr. Cochran stated they were looking for new space, possibility of the location being in the Research Park and that this is a department not a school.

This has been presented to the CAS Council of Chairs and has received favorable responses.

Dr. Cochran has asked the Faculty council on their feedback and has given them a deadline of October 29th for their vote and written feedback on recommendations to the Provost. Dr. Manning said he would distribute the newest version of the proposal to the faculty at large for their input.

- VI. Filling CAS Committee Vacancies- Sharon Johnson-Hamilton presented the Council with nominees to fill alternates on the CAS Standing Committees. After review, the Council has appointed the following faculty:

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT-Michael Shuman/English -Instructor-Alt. #1
Joshua Raymon/Philosophy-Asst. Professor-Alt. #2

DIVERSITY-Fenda Akiwumi/Geography Assoc. Professor- Alt. #2

INSTRUCTOR PROMOTION-Mike Gibbons was nominated, but will be unable to serve. We will need a new nominee. Jane Noll/ALT. will replace Connie Mizak.

LIBRARY-Margarethe Kusenbach-Sociology Assoc. - Professor-ALT. #2
Jinfang Niu will serve as alternate for Tom Sanocki (Tom is on sabbatical leave-Spring 2013).

Staff and Student Vacancies:

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT- Daniel Kahl-School of Information/Acad.
Program Specialist.

DIVERSITY -Stephanie Hill/CASDO-GUS-Acad. Program Specialist

Student vacancies-still seeking nominees

COMPUTER- Staff-Andrew Mason-MCM/Acad. Prog. Specialist

Students-Skyler Lauderdale-Sociology Graduate

Gregory Churchill-Math/Stats. Graduate

Ryan Arendondo-Math/Stats-Undergraduate

GRIEVANCE – Students (5) no nominees

Library-Kelsey Adams-School of Info-Graduate

- VII. Setting Meeting Times-the following were proposed for the remaining meetings:
 - October 19 9:00am-10:30am
 - November 16 9:00 am-10:30am
- VIII. Fall Assembly-December 7, 2-5PM. Suggestions for quest speakers were: Dean Sullins (GEN ED Council) and John Long-Sr. VP, Business & Finance (budgeting process).
- IX. No old Business.
- X. No new business.
- XI. Meeting adjourned.