

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**

September 26, 2014

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Bell, Allison Cleveland-Roberts, Michael Brannick, Eric Eisenberg, Vickie Gregory, Cheryl Hall, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Stephen McNutt, Adriana Novoa, Christopher Osovitz, Dana Pittman, Philip Porter, Christine Probes, Amy Rust

**Absent:** Nataša Jonoska, Chuck Connor, Robert Potter, David Rabson

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Adriana Novoa
- II. Introductions: Everyone present introduced themselves. Dr. Novoa explained the charge of the Faculty Council Committee.
- III. Review of Minutes: Minutes from the April 2014 Faculty Council meeting were amended and approved.
- IV. Standing Committees: There were several vacancies (Faculty and Student representatives) that needed to be appointed. The committee made their selections to forward to Dr. Eisenberg.
- V. Chair Selection: Dr. Novoa began the discussion for nominations of the 2014 – 2015 Faculty Council Chair. Election was held and Dr. Christine Probes was voted to be the Chair. At that time Dr. Novoa turned the meeting over to the new chair, Christine Probes.
- VI. Reminder of dates and times for CAS Faculty Council meetings, Fall and Spring Assemblies were given to each member.
- VII. Dean's Remarks: Dr. Eisenberg, Dr. Bell and Dr. Cleveland-Roberts touched on following topics:
  - President Genshaft's fall speech. Referring to the new research grants and contracts, more than \$428 million earned. The effort that USF is supporting in raising student initiatives and graduation rates, and promoting student success.
  - The Newly appointed President of FSU
  - 2 goals - Teaching mission and Research mission. Teaching mission to focus on increasing graduation rate. Our Undergrad graduation rate is at 63% over 6 years. 15% jump over a 5 year period. Grad side is ok, but need to work on doctoral degrees. Research – we are 43<sup>rd</sup> in the nation with funding. Research infrastructure is our weakness and Dr. Eisenberg wants to work on this with more post docs, more TA's and funding. Looking at Community impact – CAS Research is in the news all the time. Our faculty is doing work on practical issues that matter.
  - USF Partnered with FIU and UCF presidents last year to work together and apply for grants and did well with the Office of National Scholarships.

- FIU, UCF and USF are working together on a Metropolitan Research Project where they are targeting more student support with more employment on campus and internships. They are working on an analytics system, and a high tech pathway where they will have high touch with students and smart communications.
- The University is looking into opportunities for adding more types of semesters/sessions. Ex: Shorter semesters, Holiday semesters, Winter session courses.
- Dr. Eisenberg recommends that the Faculty subscribe to the Chronicle. It carries a lot of good information, also Adriana has a lot of good links that would be of interest to the group and also available on the Faculty Council website.
- Standards on what is needed for tenure was discussed. Dr. Bell was able to give the following information. 88% of faculty that came up were tenured over 10 years. In the last 10 years 162 came up for tenure and only 16 were denied. Academic Affairs has signed off on the new criteria and we are in the waiting period. Some schools have not completed their criteria at this time.
- Dr. Cleveland-Roberts brought to the Faculty Council's attention that it would be good for the members of this committee to go the Faculty Senate meetings and bring back information from the meetings.

VIII. Old Business: Dr. Cheryl Hall asked if we had received information from Sandy Lovins on who and/or how to contact the proper department pertaining to equipment issues faculty are having in the different buildings where they are teaching. No lecterns in the buildings has been one of the issues that had been brought to Sandy and the Faculty Council's attention in past meetings. A few lecterns have been purchased for Cooper Hall, but faculty still did not have access to them in other buildings and are still having other equipment and furniture issues. Dr. Hall is to send Dr. Probes the information and she is to contact Sandy about the issues. Jackie Fechter's name (Information Technologies) was also given to contact about some of the issues. There needs to be a repeatable process to get things taken care of. Dr. Probes is to check with Josh Broer and Bruce Smith, CAS Facilities Managers to see if they can come to the next Faculty Council meeting to give information and answer questions.

IX. Meeting Adjourned