

# CAS Faculty Council Report

## Spring 2017

### Faculty Assembly, April 19, 2017

The CAS Faculty Council met on the following dates during the spring of 2017: January 20, February 17, and March 24. Our final meeting of the semester will be held on April 21. This semester the Council decided to bypass online solicitation of faculty Assembly questions in favor of emphasizing the open question-and-answer session following Dean Eisenberg's report.

The Council generally received reports from Dean Eric Eisenberg and the Associate Deans and provided advice and direction as appropriate. For a more complete account of topics addressed at the Council's meetings, please see the archive of meeting minutes maintained by Dana Pittman and available at: <http://www.cas.usf.edu/council/minutes/>

Below is a representative sample of important topics addressed by the Council this spring:

**CAS Governance Document** – the document revision currently is being completed by the Council Governance Document Sub-committee and should be available for the Dean's inspection by the end of the semester. The Sub-committee consists of Dr. Natasha Jonoska, Dr. Chris Osovitz, and Dr. Stephen Prince. Dr. Michael Shuman is completing final document edits.

**RCM** – Associate Dean Potter provided updates on the planned transition to an RCM model and answered Council members' questions.

**Tenure** – Dr. Elizabeth Bell provided an update on T&P and Promotion to Full applications.

**Tuition Consortium** – Council Member Dr. Lee Braver developed a proposal for USF to join a Tuition Exchange allowing children of faculty members to qualify for tuition accommodation at member colleges and universities.

**Research and Scholarship** – Dr. Randy Larsen provided a report on the activities of the Office of Research and Scholarship. This year the Office restructured staff to provide improved support, worked on a funding profile, enhanced marketing campaigns, and developed a database of research opportunities and available funding.

**Degree Productivity and Scheduled Hours** – Dr. Potter discussed degree productivity and included statistics on degrees-awarded and enrollment by academic year. He also provided an update on the CAS Spring Scheduled Hours report.

**Parking and Transportation** – At the Council's request, Raymond Mensah and Marie Bowmen of Parking and Transportation provided an overview of campus parking and answered Council members' questions. Parking and Transportation receives no state funding and is financially self-supporting, thus already

operating with an RCM budget model. Raymond and Marie noted that, with a Department 2-Hour Permit issued to each department, active permit holders may park in any space on campus excepting handicapped and reserved spaces.

**Computer Committee Proposal** – Dr. Claudia Cooperman submitted a petition to change the Committee name and to update the charge to more accurately reflect an expanded mission. Renamed the CAS Technology Committee, departmental representatives will act as liaisons between CAS departments and the University to promote online instruction, improved software support, updated hardware and infrastructure, and to review and recommend new technology. The Council approved the request.

**Diversity Committee Proposal** – Diane Price-Herndl has submitted a proposal that has been distributed to Council members and will be reviewed during the upcoming meeting on April 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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