

CAS Faculty Council Fall 2019 Report

Mission:

The Faculty Council advises the Dean on any matter of concern to CAS, including budget and policy. It addresses issues brought to it by the Dean and the Dean's recommendations. It also receives petitions from Faculty and makes faculty suggestions. It may also advise the CAS Standing Committees, Faculty Committees, and the whole Faculty on any matter of concern to CAS. We exist to serve and represent CAS Faculty. Please assist in your own governance! Help us help you, by making yourself heard through your Faculty Council.

Fall 2019 Report (submitted by Kersuze Simeon Jones, Ksimeon@usf.edu)

The Faculty Council Committee met 3 times during the Fall semester of 2019: September 6, October 11, and November 1.

x During the September 6, 2019 meeting:

- Members of the council voted for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the council. Dr. Kersuze Simeon Jones was nominated and reelected as the Chair of the council. Dr. Karla Davis Salazar was nominated and elected as the Deputy Chair of the council.
- The Faculty Council started to discuss the candidates for the Standing Committees. Council members decided more information was needed for thoroughly informed decisions. More background information was sent via email, and members of the council voted by September 27.
- The main remarks and updates from Dean Eisenberg during the meeting were: incoming students' enrollment increased significantly for the academic year 2020. The University of South Florida is moving up in ranking. S.A.T scores are also went up. However, there is an imbalance of students/faculty ratio.
- The Dean also addressed the discussion taking place with higher administration of raises for faculty and staff
- The importance and challenges of consolidation
- Discussion on advocating that the Health Science Degree be established in the College of Arts and Sciences

x During the October 11 meeting:

- Dean Eisenberg discussed the legislative budget report.
- The Dean reasoned that an infusion of money is necessary in order for USF to continue to move up in ranking and attract competitive students.
- USF did not get PBF funding; USF did not get Premier funding.
- The Dean underlined that a compromise is expected to be reached in 2 weeks (from October 11, 2019). The faculty should have, then, more information about the consolidation compromise.
- The Faculty Council discussed the necessity for a new interactive format for the Faculty Assembly. The council spent time exchanging and discussing ideas for a new interactive format that would encourage more general faculty attendance to and participation in the Faculty Assembly.

x During the November 1 meeting:

- The Faculty Council continued preparation for the new Faculty Assembly format.
- The Faculty Council prepared the solicitation for questions, comments, or concerns to be submitted anonymously online.