Present: Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Chair; Ella Schmidt; Donny Smoak; Anna Dixon, Norine Noonan, Adrian O’Connor, Jennifer O’Brien, Erica Greenberg-Schneider, Mark Walters

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

The Minutes of December 4 were reviewed and approved.

**Faculty Senate Vacancy**
The chair noted that CAS will have a vacant position on the Faculty Senate due to the fact that Dr. Jill McCracken will be on leave for the 2016 Spring Semester. Ms. Greenberg-Schneider agreed to fill in for the remainder of this academic year. Erika asked for the dates of the Faculty Senate meetings.

The chair also noted that her goal was to have all CAS committee assignments completed by the end of the Spring term and that the CAS Department Chairs will serve collectively as the Nominating Committee for vacancies. It will be especially important to ensure that the College Tenure and Promotion Committee is complete.

**Review Process – CAS Teaching and Clinical Teaching Awards**
The Council heard a report from Monica Ancu on these award processes. There were several issues of implementation including untimely notification of awardees, eligibility and the award process itself. Since there were many questions, the Council agreed to table this issue and to invite a representative from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to discuss the award process. (Note: this did not occur because the February meeting was consumed by the discussion on ESPG).

**CAS Chairs Update**
Chair Scourfield McLauchlan reported that she will provide minutes from the most recent meeting when they are available.

**Spring Full CAS Faculty Meeting**
The Spring CAS Faculty meeting will take place immediately following the Council meeting today.
New Business
Dr. Schmidt raised an issue regarding the technology upgrade for all classrooms that was completed over the holiday break. She noted that in the upgrade, the ability to use VCR tapes in classrooms had been eliminated and that she knew of several faculty members, including herself, who still had teaching materials on that medium. The Council members discussed the possibility that the Instructional and Media Services staff (Poynter Library) might be able to assist these faculty members in moving these materials to a more accessible platform (DVD, online, etc).

Council Meeting Schedule for Spring 2016
January 22 (9:00 am) DAV 236
February 26 (9:30 am) DAV 236
April 1 (9:30 am) DAV 100
April 29 (9:30 am) DAV 100

The Council adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Noonan
Vice Chair