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STANDING COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

May 19, 2015

Name of Council/Committee:

CAS Faculty Council

Chair

John W. Arthur

Year

2014 - 2015

Committee/Council Members

Year Service Term ends:

Judithanne Scourfield-McLauchlan

2013-16

Tiffany Chenneville

2014-15

Jill McCracken

2013-15

Anna Dixon

2014-16

Michiko Otsuki Clutter

2014-16

Mark Walters

2014-16

Donny Smoak

2014-16

Melanie Reidinger-Whitmore

2013-15

Dates of Meetings:

Minutes Submitted Yes

No

29 August 2014 (CAS faculty meeting)

X

12 September 2014

X

10 October 2014

X

14 November 2014

X

12 December 2014

X

23 January 2015 (CAS faculty meeting)

X

27 February 2015

X

27 March 2015

X

24 April 2015

X

Summary of Actions, Works in Progress, Concerns for next Year

- Motioned to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the USFSP Tenure and Promotion be revised to protect a candidate's tenure and/or promotion from being unduly influenced by another faculty member.
- Supported the CAS Chairs and Program Coordinators for fair compensation.
- Motioned to CAS Dean Frank Biafora for USFSP Adjuncts to be paid as much as their USF Tampa colleagues.
- Motioned to CAS Dean Frank Biafora for an increase in travel/research money from annually \$500 to \$1000 for national conferences, \$1500 for international conferences, and to create a competitive process in the College of Arts and Sciences to receive additional money.

- Motioned the USFSP Gold Team to evaluate overall safety and security of classrooms, including but not limited to, large lecture hall classrooms, with attention to putting locks on the large lecture hall doors
- Successful in having USFSP put locks on the large lecture hall doors in Davis Hall and for installing ADA locks on all Davis Hall lecture rooms.
- Reviewed and discussed how to increase the low response of online student evaluations.
- Began a CAS committee list, which will be launched in the fall of 2015 and placed on the CAS website.
- Continued a dialogue with CAS Senate representatives, Mark Pezzo and Ella Schmidt, about Senate initiatives.
- Clarified with CAS Dean Frank Biafora concerning graduate student funds and lab fees.
- Met with CAS Dean Frank Biafora concerning criteria and procedures for college budget requests.
- Met with Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Mark Durand about fair pay of USFSP Adjuncts.
- Discussed the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan.
- Discussed and reviewed possible solutions regarding the ongoing problems with online evaluation of teaching.
- Solicited nominations and held an election for one open at-large position on next year's council.
- Filled committee vacancies.
- Alterations of CAS bylaws:
 - Amended by CAS vote the Faculty Council bylaws concerning student grievances since there is already a system-wide procedure; held an electronic vote; this change was approved and implemented this year for next year's council.

Anticipated Carry-over Items for next year:

- Ongoing discussions of fair pay for Adjuncts
- Ongoing discussion of online student evaluations
- Ongoing discussion of increasing travel and research funds.