

CBCS FACULTY COUNCIL
October 18, 2021 MINUTES
 2:00pm –3:00 pm, TEAMS

Attendees: Kwang-Sun Blair (Chair, CFS/RHMC), Matthew Foster (CFS/Rightpath), Mateus Renno’ Santos (CCJ), Tim Boaz (MHLP), Victor Molinari (SAS), Jerome Galea (SSW), and Devon Weist (CSD)

Guests: Dean Julianne Serovich, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Jennifer Lister, Associate Dean of Research Howard Goldstein, CBCS Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair Lori Hall (CCJ), and CBCS Curriculum Committee Chair Andrea Smith (CSD)

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes from September meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The minutes from the last Faculty Council meeting were reviewed and finalized. Victor Molinari moved to approved, Devon Weist seconded. Motion passed, September minutes were approved. 	<p>Dr. Weist will send September approved minutes to Patty Cleveland to be posted on the CBCS intranet page.</p>
Dean’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ USF Administration is still pending talks with the Faculty Union to finalize the faculty incentive package. ➤ COVID cases are currently down both locally and here at USF ➤ President Law visited the college on Septemeber 30. She was able to see 2 academic courses and each department/school’s chair highlighted things that are going on within in each individual unit. Since the meeting, further collaborations and resource sharing within the University community has begun (USF Police and resources for better education on mental health). 	
Associate Dean’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please make sure to remind your individual departments/schools that final grades for fall semester should be turned in as soon as possible post final exams. With the University closing for the holidays on 12/20, this will allow the Register’s office time to process final grades. ➤ October 31 is the deadline for undergraduate research assistantship stipends for spring semester. Please encourage undergraduate students to apply. ➤ November 15 is the deadline for any students wishing to apply for study aboard scholarships through CBCS. CBCS has 1 trip planned in the spring, 3 in the summer, and faculty will also be involved in USF in Florence and London. ➤ CBCS will be working on updating the Academic master plan in regards to plans for future programs 	
Report of Research Council- Dr. Howard Goldstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Associate Deans of Research meetings have been underway and a number of concerns are being discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are several Federal Executive Orders that may impact research including the vaccine mandates for recipients of federal contracts and the screenings occurring for non-US citizens working on research grants. Currently both of these have raised more questions than answers, but dialogue continues. ○ While COVID has impacted research productivity, it has also generated further research. There is a good return on investment from the Pandemic Response Research Network’s rapid response grants in terms of federally-funded research grant awards related to COVID. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TGH has developed a COVID long-haulers clinic and is currently looking at the possibilities of USF research collaborations. Speech-language pathology was among the professions mentioned in terms of interdisciplinary expertise that should be included in research and training collaborations. ○ ADRs had a recent discussion with leaders from IT about software and hardware needed to provide adequate research infrastructure. The IT department is willing to contact vendors to reviewing if campus-wide licenses or bulk purchases could be more cost efficient than individual research labs using grant funds to purchase their own individual licensing for research software. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specifically, the termination of the STATA license was raised as a concern. ▪ Dean discussed that she is working with IT to determine if it would be possible to have someone within CBCS might be deputized to manage things like imaging new computers to reduce the lagtime in waiting for IT resources ○ Meetings have been taking place regarding better processes for research collaborations between USF and Hillsborough County Schools. Representatives from CBCS and Education are meeting with School District staff responsible for approval processes. For example, there seems to be different expectations on the timing of IRB approval vs. required letters of support from the school district. These meetings are working towards better communications and planning as research is beginning to start up again post COVID shutdowns. There is a hope that a structure to facilitate partnership could serve as a model for working with additional districts in Florida. <p>➤ November 5 is the deadline for CBCS internal grant proposals.</p>	
<p>USF Senate Updates-Dr. Tim Boaz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Faculty senate is currently providing input towards the search for a new USF President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timeline is for candidates to be identified by December with interviews beginning in January ➤ President Law is currently forming the steering committee that was approved in June to work on future strategic plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faculty senate will be involved in this committee and will specifically look at addressing concerns for the continued over-reliance on matrix-driven initiatives ➤ Faculty senate will be closely monitoring the upcoming legislative session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specifically HB 57 Racial and Sexual Discrimination which looks at prohibiting public educational institutions from teaching about systemic racism. ○ Also discussion about proposed legislation looking at the process of tenure at academic institutions. ➤ Next meeting will include IT representatives to discuss technology resource concerns across the University. ➤ Provost's office is looking to put together a faculty working group to view the QEP for SACs accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In addition, USF will start developing the next 5 year academic plan 	

CBCS Diversity & Inclusion Committee Updates- Dr. Lori Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The selection process for the Special Assistant to the Dean on Diversity and Inclusion Matters will be completed in the next several weeks. ➤ The Dean has asked the committee to develop a town hall highlighting this committee’s work along with work across CBCS. It is anticipated this town hall could occur as soon as this semester. 	
CBCS Curriculum Committee Updates-Ms. Andrea Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The majority of work for this committee will occur mid-late fall and spring. ➤ New members have all been selected and have undergone training so they will be ready to review courses later this semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CSD will have a number of proposals for new courses and the recertification for several General-Ed courses within CBCS will also start happening late fall semester 	
Additional Updates- Faculty Council Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The fall faculty assembly is scheduled for Friday, October 22 from 1-2:30 pm via Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you are presenting updates, please make sure to send those to Patty Cleveland/Devon Weist ASAP and attend the practice run on Thursday October 21 at noon. Specific links for presenters to join Teams Live was sent my Stefan Phekoo and should be used versus the general link to sent to all CBCS faculty and staff. ○ Joan Reid has agreed to be the featured speaker and will be presenting her research regarding human trafficking. ➤ Dean’s Awards committee has been finalized: Kwang-Sun Blair, Victor Molinari, Richard Moule, and Daniel Meng will be serving as reviewers and Devon Weist will help with organizing processes. Currently the committee is reviewing the application process and will present edits to faculty council at the next meeting. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/A 	
Next Meeting(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday, November 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm via Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring meeting times will be finalized for the next meeting 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm 	

Prepared by DLW 10/20/2020 10:45am