

CBCS FACULTY COUNCIL

January 31, 2022 MINUTES

2:00pm –3:08pm, TEAMS

Attendees: Kwang-Sun Blair (Chair, CFS/RHMC), Richard Moule (CCJ), 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 Curriculum Committee Chair Andrea Smith (CSD), and Ph.D. Student Tara Matta (SSW)

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes from October meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The minutes from the last Faculty Council meeting were reviewed and finalized. Devon Weist moved to approved. Motion passed, November minutes were approved. 	<p>Dr. Weist will send November approved minutes to Chase Patterson to be posted on the CBCS intranet page.</p>
Dean’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ USF’s newest strategic plan was accepted by the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. It is being disseminated to individual Colleges and CBCS will be forming a committee to start working on a new strategic plan for CBCS. ➤ The budgeting process at USF is still being worked on with many committees formed to help this process. Dean Serovich is currently serving on the revenue diversification committee. ➤ Across USF there is concern that grant proposals are down. This is directly tied to the pandemic and limited funding sources. Discussions are happening within CBCS and across USF to address support for research faculty. 	
Associate Dean’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Lister was invited to be on the task QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) task force at USF. This plan to be implemented in Fall 2025 will be tied to the strategic plan and will look at undergraduate student success. One idea is to focus on things besides academics such as soft and transferrable skills so that students can be competitive when entering the work force. Tied into this topic would also be resiliency and overall mental health. ➤ Dr. Lister has been visiting each school/department to meet with faculty and help generate interest in involving undergraduate students in research. ➤ Tenure and Promotion updates: 3 faculty are under-going mid-tenure reviews with the department review stage currently happening and then the Dean’s office for final review. Dr. Lister is currently working on a document that will outline the timeline for the tenure and promotion processes for both tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty. Chairs of schools and departments are currently reviewing the timeline. Faculty council is also asked to review and provide feedback. The plan is for this timeline to be posted on the CBCS intranet later this semester. 	<p>Dr. Lister will send out the a draft version of the timeline for tenure and promotion processes. Faculty council is asked to review and provide feedback.</p>

Report of Research Council- Dr. Howard Goldstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Following the trend of overall grant proposals across USF being down, internal CBCS grand proposals are also down. ➤ Discussions to possibly have an opportunity fund that would help faculty with short term research goals. For example council members discussed that open access, high-impact journals are starting to require authors submit a fee for publication so a fund like this would help to offset those costs. Dean discussed that as discussions continue about creating this fund, criteria for application to the fund will also need to be established. 	Dr. Goldstein will reach out to the library to inform them that costs with publishing in open access journals is a concern for CBCS faculty.
USF Senate Updates-Dr. Tim Boaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Boaz was not able to attend today's meeting, therefore no update was provided. 	
CBCS Diversity & Inclusion Committee Updates- Dr. Lori Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Hall was not able to attend today's meeting in person however this committee did not have any pressing updates for faculty council at this time. 	
CBCS Curriculum Committee Updates-Ms. Andrea Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee is through much of it's work for the academic year. To summarize: 12 undergraduate and 7 graduate course proposals were approved, 24 changes to undergraduate courses and 2 graduate course conversions were also approved, 5 program changes to majors or concentrations, and 9 general-education courses needed to be re-certified. 	
Additional Updates- Faculty Council Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applications for 2022 Dean's awards are now being accepted through Monday, February 28. Please encourage faculty to nominate colleagues and students. ➤ The spring assembly will be held Friday, April 15 from 2-3:30 pm. Invited speakers will be AAAS Fellow Marilyn Stern (CFS) and Fulbright Scholar Shun-Yung Kevin Wang (CCJ). 	Dr. Blair to reach out to invited assembly speakers.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ N/A 	
Next Meeting(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monday, February 28 from 2:00-3:30 pm. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm 	

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