



CBCS Faculty Council Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025

10:00–11:00 AM

Attendees:

Mateus Santos (CCJ); Daniel Meng (SAS); Melissa Thompson (SSW); Nicoleta Zenn (BHSP); Heather Zerger (CFS)

Guests:

Dean Julie Serovich; Associate Dean Jennifer Lister; Associate Dean for Research Stephanie Marhefka-Day; CBCS Faculty Senate Representative Nicoleta Zenn; Accessibility Chair Yazmin Castellano; Curriculum Committee Chair Debra Mowery

Topic	Discussion	Action
Dean's Report: Dr. Julie Serovich	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Trustees to meet with Dr. Moez Limayem this month to approve appointment. Board of Governors to approve appointment in November.• No new updates on New College merger talks with USF Sarasota-Manatee.	
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Report: Dr. Jennifer Lister	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tenure promotion reviews are currently at the college level.• Post-tenure reviews end in February 2026.• Current need for senior faculty to conduct 1 senior tenure review. Please speak with any Professor-level faculty who may be willing to serve as a reviewer for this cycle.	
Associate Dean for Research Report: Dr. Stephanie Marhefka-Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of new programs to help facilitate faculty success in research proposals.• Continued influx of research proposals—Good work, faculty!	

CBCS Faculty Senate Representative update: Ms. Nickie Zenn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching and Learning at USF is promoting new EDGE program. 	
CBCS Accessibility Committee update: Ms. Yazmin Castellano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Nickie Zenn on a Mission Committee. Sent ideas for mission-related goals and activities to the Dean. Discussion of training development or consultation to support students with disabilities as they transition from college to the workforce. 	
CBCS Curriculum Committee updates: Dr. Debra Mowery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting at the college level this month to review curriculum updates/changes. Deadline is December 2nd. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted Dr. Heather Zerger into the Vice Chair of the CBCS Faculty Council role. 	
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBCS Faculty and Staff Assembly Friday, October 24, 2025 AI Town Hall Friday, November 7, 2025 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, November 17, 2025; 10:00–11:00 AM 	