
Not in attendance: Gabriel Hetland, Elena Stein, Helen Strother

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Stewart at 2:46 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from for May 3, 2017 & September 13, 2017, Council Meetings
Minutes from the May 3, 2017 (6 abstentions) and September 13, 2017 (6 abstentions) meetings were approved.

3. Chair’s Report
Chair Caro-Beth Stewart gave the following announcements:

- CAS Chairs Council met with President Rodríguez. Normal business was suspended. Each Chair provided a 3-minute overview of his/her department and interesting initiatives in the areas of research, teaching and/or public engagement. This was followed by a brief Q&A section.

- Prof. John Mandle joined the Faculty Council as a representative of the Department of Philosophy and agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for Council. He is assisting the various sub-committees to elect committee chairs.

- Five at-large positions have been filled by election or volunteering.

4. Senate Report (Vice-Chair)
Vice-Chair Mandle reported the following:

- The Dean and Vice-Chair could not attend the first Senate meeting (September 25, 2017) due to schedule conflicts. Minutes from the Senate meeting will be consulted once they are available.

- At-large elected councilors have been assigned to committees, while other positions are in process of being filled.

- The Faculty Development committee will review FRAP-A proposals
5. Dean’s Report

Dean Edelgard Wulfert reported the following:

- CAS Chairs council met with President Rodriguez. Chairs were encouraged to present positive issues about their departments and represent heterogeneity of work in CAS. The meet was well-received by President. A suggestion was made to continue similar meetings on annual basis. CAS has another 3-hour timeslot with the President (October 18, 2017 from 1:00-3:45pm in the Campus Center Boardroom, 1-2:15 for the arts, humanities, and area studies, 2:30-3:45 for the sciences and social sciences). Faculty and graduate students are invited to the forum. Councilors are encouraged to attend this meeting. The forum is a venue to report news on departmental work and ask questions.

- The President will decide whether to continue with the Strategic Plan as it exists now. Many priorities have remained the same since the tenure of President Jones and Interim President Stellar. It is expected that the emphasis on increasing enrollment, public engagement, research will continue.

- The CAS travel award application is now submitted online and is fully electronic.

- The annual reception for part-time faculty has held. Attendance increased by approximately 10 faculty members. The President, Provost, and Bill Hedberg were invited and all 3 attended.

- The annual CAS dinner will be held November 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm, at the Italian-American Community Center’s Treviso. The speaker is Rabi Musa.

6. Committee Reports

The Academic Planning Committee has been suspended and its workload rolled into other committees. A future revision of the CAS by-laws will reflect this change.

Nominating:

The committee had nothing new to report.

Tenure and Promotion:

The committee had nothing new to report.

Faculty Development:

12 applications for FRAP-A awards have been received and will be reviewed.
Academic Planning:

Suspended.

Academic Programs:

The committee had nothing new to report.

Academic Support:

The committee had nothing new to report.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

8. New Business

Determination of committee chairs. Committee chairs are as follows:

Nominating: John Mandle  
Tenure and Promotion: Duncan Cumming  
Faculty Development: James Boswell, volunteered  
Academic Programs: Oliver Timm, volunteered  
Academic Support: Helen Strother, elected in absentia

Brian Rose moved from Academic Programs to Academic Support, while Rui Li moved from Academic Support to Academic Programs to avoid multiple members of the same department on a single committee.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.