

MINUTES OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 2020 – 3:30PM-5:00PM
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Mary Towner called the meeting to order at 3:31pm
2. **Roll Call:**

ASFC Present: Towner (Integrative Biology), Quan (Geology), Schmitz (Stats), Fishbein (Plant Biology), Ellis (Language), Elshashed (Microbiology), Habiger (Stats), Haley (physics), Talbot-Clark (Music), Wright (Math), Pasternack (Philosophy), Grant (Psychology), Griswold (History), Uhlin (English), Vasquez (Chemistry), Barker (Theatre), Freeman (CDIS), Hanks (Geography), Olofsson (Poli Sci), Reese (Art), Cooley (Media & Strat. Comm), Thomas (Comp Science),

ASFC Absent: None

Administration Present: Dean Krutz, Associate Dean Brien
3. **Approval of the August 19, 2020 Minutes:**

Motion to approve by Haley, seconded by Vasquez and approved by Council
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve by Freeman, seconded by Haley and approved by Council
5. **Reports on Status of Standing Committees**
 - a. College Policy and Planning
 - b. Curriculum, General Education and Extension
 - c. Rules and Procedures
 - d. Sabbatical Leave
 - e. Scholarship
 - f. Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion
 - Dr. Edward Jones will replace Lisa Lewis while on Sabbatical 20-21
 - Motion to approve by Vasquez, Seconded by Olofsson and approved by Council
6. **Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs**
 - a. College Policy and Planning –Talbot-Clark
 - b. Curriculum, General Education and Extension - Haley
 - c. Rules and Procedures - Wright
 - d. Scholarship – Vasquez

Motion to approve by Vasquez, Seconded by Olofsson and approved by Council
7. **Old Business**
 - a. ASFC Response to COVID-19 Faculty Concerns

Towner discussed the new Canvas page that addresses any concerns or issues the faculty may have regarding COVID-19 and the campus response.
The Councilors' agreed the following items to be the most important and needed to be addressed:

- Informing faculty if students test positive, exposures
- Data sharing and transparency
- More aggressive policy for seeking it out
- No defined criteria for going face-to-face

No changes being implemented

Public Health Emergency

Prioritizing a mode of teaching over human life

Do faculty have to reapply for OEO for the Spring semester?

Discussion about ASFC producing a statement addressing our immediate concerns rather quickly. Dean Krutz recommended a clear bullet point list of action items that he can take to the Dean's meeting on Friday. The Registrar has been asked to hold Spring courses for a few weeks giving us more time to make any necessary revisions for Spring teaching.

Uhlen discussed getting more faculty involved with the Dean's office on how to teach in the Spring. Discussions on the importance of data transparency that we feel OSU is not providing was strongly supported by many. The discussion of OSU being more proactive in testing procedures, sewage testing.

Fishbein offered to help draft this joint ASFC statement.

8. New Business

- a. CAS Personnel Procedures for Non-Tenure Track Faculty
(Associate Dean Brienen)

This document was revised to provide better clarity in order to help avoid confusion when going up for reappointment. The most updated draft from August 19th ideally vetted and approved by end of semester. Additional feedback is welcome.

- b. ASFC Representation for Non-Tenure Track Faculty

During 2018-2019 this topic was addressed, but ultimately dropped due to several obstacles. The Implementation Strategies for Career-Track Faculty Representations document was shared with the Councilors drafted from April 2018.

- c. ASFC's Role Related to General CAS Faculty Concerns

Additional items, or concerns, that may need to be addressed by the ASFC

9. Dean's Report

Krutz welcomes any additional questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 that he can take to the Dean's meeting. Waiting on more information from the Provost and the Registrar regarding Spring semester.

Enrollment is up 350 students

Retention is up 84.9% +1.7% record increase this year

CAS played a large part of this retention increase.

Freeman asked about a return of the original PRE-Covid budgets with this news.

Krutz reported the CAS leadership team is closely monitoring future budgets.

Towner asked about the current health of our students and who is a part of the OSU Task Force. Krutz and the other Deans are asking for the dashboard to be updated at least twice a week.

Vasquez asked about contact tracing on campus via cell phone data and trends with potential breakouts in dorms. What are the trends with potential break out from this data. Krutz has yet to see the product of this technology gathering.

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

Motion to approve by Habiger, seconded by Vasquez, and approved by Council 5:01 pm.