

MINUTES OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2021 3:30-5:00
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Mary Towner called the meeting to order 3:30 at pm

2. **Roll Call:**

ASFC Present: Towner (Integrative Biology), Quan (Geology), Fishbein (Plant Biology), Ellis (Language), Habiger (Stats), Talbott-Clark (Music), Wright (Math), Pasternack (Philosophy), Uhlin (English), Vasquez (Chemistry), Barker (Theatre), Freeman (CDIS), Olofsson (Poli Sci), Elshased (Microbiology), Grant (Psychology), Reese (Art), Grant (Psychology, Haley (physics), Griswold (History), Hanks (Geography)

ASFC Absent: Schmitz (Sociology), Cooley (Media & Strat. Comm), Thomas (Comp Science)

Administration Present: Dean Krutz, Associate Dean Baum, Associate Dean Brienen, Associate Dean Wikle

Guests: Dr. Kim Loeffert (Music), Dr. Cynthia Francisco (Math)

3. **Approval of the December 2, 2020 Minutes:**

Motion to approve by unanimous consent as distributed

4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve by unanimous consent as distributed

5. **Reports on Status of Standing Committees**

a. College Policy and Planning

Nothing to report

b. Curriculum, General Education and Extension

Nothing to report

c. Rules and Procedures

Nothing to report

d. Sabbatical Leave

Nothing to report

e. Scholarship

Nothing to report

f. Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion

Nothing to report

g. Ad Hoc Committee for Non-Tenure Track Faculty

Francisco reported that the committee met first time this past Monday.

Draft Charge: "The committee will serve two main purposes. First, ASFC is interested in formalizing a permanent structure for non-tenure track representation and this committee will investigate possibilities for the structure of this representation. Second, until a more permanent structure is in place, ASFC may ask this committee for input on matters affecting non-tenure track faculty."

Wright motions, Talbott-Clark seconds, approved by ASFC.

6. **Unfinished Business**

a. CAS Undergraduate Health Certificates

Towner tabled the discussion until March ASFC meeting

b. ASFC Webpage Migration

Towner asked for a volunteer to help with migration.
Habiger volunteered for this role.

7. New Business

- a. Equity Advocate Liaison to Arts & Science Faculty Council: Dr. Kim Loeffert announced that the Equity Advocates in CAS are working on a charter to create their council and would like to have an ASFC liaison, allowing them to attend ASFC meetings as a non-voting member. They anticipate that often one or more ASFC councilors will also be Equity Advocates, but this may not always be the case. Towner asked the Rules and Procedures committee to consider the request and more generally to discuss non-ASFC participants at ASFC meetings.
- b. OSU Core Research Facilities vis-à-vis CAS: Associate Dean Baum
Baum reported that there are 2 dedicated research facilities.
Vasquez asked how the funding and budgeting is allocated through the VPR. As well as how the facilities are staffed and lack of support. Baum directed her to the office of the VPR for these questions and concerns. Baum also offered to assist in any support that is needed for the CAS faculty in their research and suggested setting up meeting with individual faculty members that have any concerns. Quan also offered to bring any specific requests to the UFC Research Committee at their next meeting.
- c. Supporting CAS Faculty: ASFC's role
Vasquez had asked ASFC to consider problematic student behavior directed at faculty. Any immediate concerns should be addressed directly to the Dept. Head. Associate Dean Wikle agreed with the perception that student complaints and problematic e-mails seem to have increased in the last year. Towner asked to discuss how best ASFC can support the CAS faculty in the longer term.

8. Dean's Report

Dean Krutz announced enrollment it up 6% from last year and Freshman retention is at 93% this semester. He announced the vaccine roll out on campus is taking a bit longer than expected and next phase should be moving into the next phase soon.
Provost search is moving forward with Dean Menendez will be the interim Provost.
Presidential search is going well with a nice pool to select from.

9. Announcements

Quan announced that applications are being accepted for student research projects. Deadline is March 1st.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned by Towner at 4:45 pm
Next meeting will be March 3, 2021 @ 3:30 via Zoom