

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
September 9th , 2019

Attendees: , Elizabeth Bell , Cecil Greek , Allison Cleveland- Roberts, Kersuze Simeon- Jones, , Brailen Guerra, Jane Jorgenson, Jarod Rosell, Frances Ramos,

Absent: Robert Potter, Randy Larsen , Razvan

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Simeon-Jones
- II. Review of Minutes: There were no previous minutes
- III. Dean's remarks:

- It was a really good year for hiring and 26 new faculty were hired. Really impressed with the quality of new Faculty that we have arrived. The president and the institution put a request for a \$37 million dollars for new faculty and staff lines.
- Rankings continue to explode and USF keeps getting a reputation for the hard work of the faculty and students. The new rankings will be announced next week and USF will take a big jump ahead, which is leading to a lot of new student applications. S.A.T. scores went up and are currently increasing. Number one argument is if we are trying to sustain this quality of rank, then we need to fuel the back work that can support our performance. Some of the desired support is raises for faculty and staff and fixing the current imbalance of the faculty to student ratio. It was surprising that the legislation did not fund PBF and preeminence. The president has compiled a meeting with all the heads and dean's where all the financial experts showed what the spending of the University is at with all the legislation cuts.
- Until the president decided what to do, the provost office called a timeout , no more hiring or spending until the president decided something. Consolidation is important for two reasons, one is that part of the reason that we did not get funding is because how we decided to process. The second is that we need to make a decision of who responds to who and who takes responsibility for each part. The BOT will be announcing an organization chart.

IV. Old Business: No old business

V. New Business:

- Voting for Faculty Council Chair
 - Kersuze was nominated and reelected as the Chair
 - Karla Davis Salazar nominated as Deputy Chair and elected
- Voting for Standing committees
 - It was decided to compile more information for the nominees and complete the ballot through email

VI. Meeting Adjourned