CAS Members present: Charlie Sharpless, Brian Rizzo, Andrea Livi Smith
COB and COE volunteer members present: Leigh Frackelton, George Meadows
Not attending: Colin Rafferty

No actions were taken at this meeting, which consisted solely of the following discussions:

**Review of the Presentation by Jim Lollar.** The highlight here was the survey result that a single university-level governing body, senate or council, seems to be generally acceptable to a large majority of faculty. The composition of this body and its underlying committee structure is a matter for debate.

**Next Steps for Governance Reform.** After much discussion, we settled on the idea that a wholesale reform of the governance structure is not necessary. The switch to a single university level governing body could be achieved by keeping the UFC (possibly modifying its composition) and carefully altering the university and college level committee structure and charges. Efforts to move towards a single university level governing body should keep in mind the following:

- College level committees would report directly to the deans of their colleges. Forcing them to report to university level bodies is a duplication of effort. The nature and charges of the college level committees should reflect these considerations.

- There seems to be general faculty agreement that the first priority of governance is to ensure the quality of the curriculum and the availability of resources to support it. Our current curriculum review process does not seem adequate to the task of ensuring administrative commitment to resources when establishing new programs. Our committee believes that this needs to be addressed at the university level, which should have some kind of formal faculty oversight of budgetary needs in cases of new programs or significant program revisions.

- Other priorities of governance should be explicitly discussed by all faculty. When these are firmly agreed upon, the university level committee structure and charges should be aligned to match these priorities.

A summary of the existing governance structure at the university and college levels follows below for reference.
University Level Governance

UFC

Standing Committees
University Academic Affairs
University Curriculum Committee
University Faculty Affairs Committee
University Faculty Appeals and Grievances
University Faculty Organization Committee
University General Education
University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards

Advisory Committees
Budget Advisory
Distance and Blended Learning
First Year Seminar
Honors Program
James Farmer Multicultural
Speaking Intensive
Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory
Teaching Center Advisory
Writing Intensive

CAS Governance

CAS Senate

Committees
College Academic Resources Committee
Curriculum Committee
CAS Faculty Development and Grants Committee
CAS Promotion and Tenure Committee
CAS Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee

Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee (dissolved, fall 2013)

COE Governance

Faculty Meetings (monthly)

Committees
Executive Committee
Faculty Affairs Committee
Curriculum and Assessment Committee
Student Affairs Committee
Promotion and Tenure Committee
Budget Advisory Committee
Clinical Collaboration and Partnerships Committee
COB Governance
Faculty Council

Committees
  Academic Policy and Admissions Committee
  Curriculum Committee
  Outcome Assessment Committee
  Promotion and Tenure Committee