

Subject: Report on the meeting of the CAS Faculty Council
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To: CAS_FT_Teaching_Faculty
Attachments: Resolution on the CCRT.pdf

Dear Colleagues,

In the interest of keeping communication open between the faculty and faculty governance, I wanted to send a report to you summarizing the work that we have been doing in the CAS Faculty Council.

1. Yesterday, we considered and approved unanimously a resolution, authored by Jennifer Barry (RELG) offering support for the work of the Coordinated Campus Response Team in addressing sexual and gender-based violence on campus. I have attached that resolution for your perusal, and it will now go before the UFC for consideration.
2. In recognition that: many faculty feel over-burdened by service to several layers of governance committees (college and university); that the curriculum approval process currently has four layers [CAS Curriculum Committee, CAS Faculty Council, University Curriculum Committee, UFC], which is burdensome to faculty and departments going through the curriculum approval process; that we now have a mature university governance system that can and should address most issues that arise in faculty governance; and, that coordinating times/dates for faculty of committees to meet in person is often challenging, the CAS FC has created three working groups to draft up options and suggestions for consideration within CAS and, where relevant, by the UFC.
 1. Electronic Meetings: this working group will think through means, process, best-practices, for those CAS committees which would like to host electronic meetings.
 2. Revising Appendix F: this working group will think through the current constitution, roles, responsibilities, and procedures governing the CAS Faculty Council as they are outlined in the Faculty Handbook and suggest changes (with a view to serious streamlining) where needed.
 3. Faculty Governance: this working group will propose ways to streamline faculty governance in general, as it relates to CAS.

As ever, if there is any matter relating to the College of Arts and Sciences that you would like the CAS FC (and/or any of these working groups) to take up, or if you have any comments about the above that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me or any of the members on the council.

Thanks and best wishes for a wonderful week,

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