

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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1. Meeting called to order.
2. Approval of minutes from March 4th meeting will be sent out for approval via e-mail due to the fact that there was not a quorum of voting members.
3. Dean's remarks.

The threats that may occur from this budget cut are: (1) the types of faculty we can hire and the effect on tenure; (2) further base cuts after allocations.

Much depends upon whether we are given authority by the legislature and Governor to raise tuition 15%, which looks likely.

All in all CAS makes about \$87 million for Academic Affairs. There may be follow-up cuts in Academic Affairs.

4. Appointments to Standing Committees: Thanks to Sharon Johnson-Hamilton for her hard work in getting this information together. Since there was not a quorum available the following names were put forward and an e-

FACULTY COUNCIL: 6 replacements needed. An e-mail will be sent out with the nominees and vote will be taken by Departments with a 2 week deadline.

5. Spring Assembly: This will be held on April 29th @ 2pm. Provost Wilcox will be our guest speaker @ 3pm.
Topics to request the Provost address: USF position on the budget and National & State Administration takes and plans on the overall vision.
Dr. Manning will make requests for written and oral reports from the standing committee chairs.
6. Website: There is as yet no e-mail account for the website. A suggestion of a link for a form for the faculty to complete for the Faculty council was discussed. This form would give faculty the opportunity to discuss their concerns. This will be discussed in future meetings due to a range of issues concerning anonymity.
7. Report on Town Hall Meeting: All in all the meeting went well. We had about 27 persons attending. Several issues were brought up in the meeting for discussion to be brought to the Dean's attention. Among these were: (1) Writing Center not staffed properly to help with the success of our students. (2) Scheduling of classes does not allow time for a large class to have discussions. (3) Room configuration (new furniture) does not allow an instructor to have break-out discussions in groups. Furniture cannot be moved.
8. Old Business-Climate Survey discussed.
9. No new business.
10. Meeting adjourned.