

College of Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes  
Friday Aug 23rd, 2024  
2-4pm, Teams

**Present:** Dean Spiller; Toru Shimizu; Allison Cleveland-Roberts; Tangela Serls; Jennifer Collins; Maria Corton; Jennifer Friedman; Adriana Novoa; Thomas Pluckhahn; Stephen Song; Hariharan Srikanth; Mohamed Elhamdadi; Victoria Nelson; Tammy Allen

- I. Call to Order (2.01pm). The Council had voted for Jennifer Collins (Chair) and Adriana Novoa as Deputy Chair. Jennifer Collins led the meeting.
- II. Welcome and Introductions

Council members welcomed Dean Spiller and expressed their optimism for the

- a. Library Committee (Ed Kissi)
- b. Diversity Committee (Jennifer Friedman)
- c. Faculty Development Committee (Tammy Allen)
- d. Technology Committee (Maria Corton)
- e. Grievance (Cleveland-Roberts)

V. Standing Committees

Adriana Novoa will send an email to Council in the next week so decisions can be made regarding the members of the standing committees. Council members will need to vote very shortly so it was advised to look out for that email so Council can complete their work quickly.

VI. Food Sovereignty, Food Insecurity, and Mental Health Proposal (Chair and Friedman)

Jennifer Collins will be meeting with Dean Spiller and Toru on Monday 8/26/24 and will ask the Dean if she has any additional input on the proposal developed in the 2023-2024 year and, if not, request it be sent up to the Provost's Office.

VII. Faculty Concerns

Council expressed concerns about legislation and impacts on General Education and how such legislation could affect many of our courses. It was expressed that CAS faculty want to see more clarity and communication coming from the Dean's office and want to feel backed up by the College.

Jennifer Collins noted her concern Faculty Council creating a new "Big Goal" for this year when we have the two proposals from 2022-2023 (Tuition Exchange Program) and 2023-2024 (Food Sovereignty, (I)JTJ4 2 reW\*nB/F1

recommended that she discuss these with the Dean, as well as the three topics discussed with the Provost at the January 2024 Council Meeting to see if the Dean can provide support to move the needle on any of those topics towards action. She will also discuss other hot topics covered in the past two