COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2012

PRESENT: Catherine Beneteau, John Cochran, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Julie Harmon, Richard Manning,
Adriana Novoa, Kelly Page Werder, Robert Potter, Christine Probes, Philip Reeder, Kristina Schmidt,
Sandy Schneider, Mary Sweely
ABSENT: James Cavendish, Chuck Connor, Eric Eisenberg, Bernd Reiter, Hari Srikanth
I. Meeting called to order.
II. October 16
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 meeting minutes approved.
III. Deans’ remarks-Dr. Cochran advised that John Daly and he presented the proposal of the new
school to the Faculty Senate. The USF System council affirmed that the correct process was
followed and that they support the School of Public Administration. A final decision will be
made on Dec. 20, 2012.
Dr. Cochran advised that there are 75.5 new searches in CAS and this number has doubled since
2007. There is a good possibility that a number of these will be converted from Visiting
Instructor positions to permanent positions.
Dr. Cochran also stated that the college budget for summer is set.
Dr. Potter stated that theoretically were not sure what is going to happen to funding that is
connected to targeted areas. Florida’s focus appears to be on the outcome of continuing
education. At the Governor’s level, he does not seem interested in the jobs undergraduates
receive that are outside of Florida.
Dr. Potter commented that the Chairs are sending information to him regarding student success
initiatives in the department (i.e. classroom experience, student assessment outcomes and the
growing graduate programs). He also stated that more lop2(srlas)12(srori] TJ
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recommendations to the Dean for further consideration. Dr. Schneider and Lorene Hall-Jennings will present information at the January council meeting.

IV. General Education Revisions-The legislature is standardizing the general education requirements
for all students statewide. It was discussed and decided that notification should be sent out to
all faculty to communicate this matter so that they might have a better understanding of what is
at stake and provide feedback about the new revisions concerning the change in the gen ed
requirements.

V. Discussion and concerns surrounding the migration of all student evaluations of faculty
instruction to be conducted in an online environment effective Spring 2013 were expressed
during this meeting. It was noted that these online evaluations could possibly hurt the faculty
members and there might be low participation. It was noted that Steve Richarde could inform
us of the policy changes for the evaluations.
Dr. Cochran stated that the student evaluations for T&P decisions were only a small percent of
the final decision. It was stated that a pilot study was done in the summer but data does not
show a good response rate. It was discussed that the entire USF faculty members were not
notified or consulted for recommendations on this new process.
It was suggested that Spring 2013 semester implementation date should be deferred to Fall
2013 and that additional testing be conducted to review the results generated. This would allow
time to compare the results to prior semesters to data being generated in a larger pilot
program. It is critical that there are no negative factors to a faculty member resulting from the
new online process being proposed versus the current processes in place.
VI. Role of Faculty Council Chair-Dr. Adriana Novoa expressed her concerns about the way the