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STANDING COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Please Submit to Faculty Senate Chair by May 17, 2013

Name of Council/Committee:
CAS Faculty Council

Chair          Year
Sheramy Bundrick  2012-13

Committee/Council Members  Year Service Term ends:
Rebecca Johns  2013-14
Tiffany Chenneville  2013-14
Chris Meindl  2012-13
Jill McCraken  2012-13 (but volunteered for next term)
Dawn Cecil  2012-13
Henry Alegria  2013-14
Paul Wang / Jamie McHale (shared the year)  2012-13
Melanie Reidinger-Whitmore  2013-14

Dates of Meetings:  Minutes Submitted  Yes  No

17 August 2012 (CAS faculty meeting)  __  X
28 September 2012  X  ___
26 October 2012  X  ___
30 November 2012  X  ___
25 January 2013 (CAS faculty meeting)  ___  X
1 March 2013  X  ___
29 March 2013  X  ___
26 April 2013  X

Summary of Actions, Works in Progress, Concerns for next Year
- Ongoing discussions about communication between Dean’s Office/administration and departments/faculty
- Ongoing discussions about the place of service in faculty workloads and tenure/promotion
- Initiated CAS-wide discussions about student success at the January CAS faculty meeting
- Housekeeping: CAS Teaching Award selection, committee vacancies filled
- Alterations of CAS bylaws: initiated specific visitor policy to Faculty Council meetings, altered CAS Academic Programs Committee make-up to specify that APC must have at least one Councilor, but the Chair does not have to be a Councilor
Proposed a raise system for adjuncts to the Dean; next year’s Council will follow-up on this and other adjunct-related issues

Recommended increase of compensation for Chairs to the Dean; next year’s council will continue to advocate for better compensation for Chairs and for better recognition of Chair service vis-à-vis promotion, etc.

Discussions initiated with departments regarding the following issues, that will be followed-up by next year’s Council: a) usage of undergraduates as TAs / directed studies policies; b) updating of departmental tenure and promotion guidelines, especially with regards to full professor promotion; c) teaching loads