

CAS Leadership Unapproved Council Minutes
3 October 2014

Present: Linda Markowitz (Chair), Charles Berger (Secretary), Johanna Schmitz, Duff Wrobbel, Tricia Oberweis, Steve Tamari, Sorin Nastasia

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM

The meeting began with a discussion of the upcoming CAS Dean search. There was consensus that internal candidates for the position should be given equal consideration with external candidates, as opposed to the practice governing prior searches. The Leadership Council (LC) will convey this view to Provost Ansari at our meeting with him on 7 November.

The issue of whether or not to form a CAS Congress Budget Committee, which would participate in CAS Dean's Office budget meetings, was discussed. What would the role or goal of such a committee be? When and how should the LC request participation, given the fact that CAS is transitioning to an Acting Dean? During discussion of the CAS budget, it was brought to the attention of the LC that several departments in the College, primarily in the Sciences, have been especially hard hit by the 3.2% budget reduction last Spring, to the extent that faculty members have had to postpone sabbaticals due to staffing shortages. This led to discussion of the uneven effects experienced throughout the College as a result of the budget cut.

Discussion turned to the subject of how the CAS Congress might work to increase transparency in budget allocations at the University level. There is widespread concern among CAS members that the College is not receiving a proportionally equitable share of University resources. The LC will talk to Provost Ansari about this matter on 7 November.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the format and agenda of the inaugural CAS All Congress meeting on 24 October. (The LC expressed its gratitude to Trish Oberweis for her superb work in setting up and running the Faculty Survey.) At the meeting, Trish will give a twenty-minute power point presentation of survey results, and she will inform faculty that a second survey will be sent out in which problems, and proposed solutions, are ranked in order of importance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM