

**Unapproved
CAS Leadership Council Minutes
6 February 2015**

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

Guest: Steve Hansen, Interim CAS Dean

Meeting was called to order at 1:30.

While Dean Hansen was present, we discussed the following issues:

- The CLC will send questions to the Dean that he will answer in an email to the CAS faculty.
- The Dean's desire to have Survey results sent to him.
- The Dean's formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Budget Planning, which will also include a CLC member (Charles Berger volunteered).
- A CAS Faculty Renewal/Development Plan, announced by Dean Hansen. This will involve strategies designed to provide funds for faculty research and travel, especially when such funding is imperiled. The major feature of the plan, as described by Dean Hansen, involves a "Department Chair Consolidation Incentive Proposal." If departments were to agree to a chair-sharing arrangement, money saved would be divided as follows: 33% to the CAS central account, for the "Faculty Renewal/Development" program, and 33% to each department for its own use.

After Dean Hansen's departure, the CLC discussed:

- The ambiguous nature of the results garnered in the CAS Survey. We agreed that it was difficult to discern a clear message from the responses, but we also determined that this year will serve as a useful baseline for future survey results.
- The idea of a Facebook page devoted to CAS matters. After much discussion, it was decided to scrap the Facebook idea in favor of a Blog. Possible names for the Blog were tossed around. (After the meeting, it was decided to call it "CAS Talk.") Charles agreed to write the first blog. We agreed that the blog entries should be on the brief side, with the main purpose being to spark discussion.
- The logistics of holding elections for next year's CAS Congress.
- The business of our March CLC meeting, which will in part be devoted to proposed changes to the Operating Papers.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.