

**Unapproved
CAS Leadership Council Minutes
9 January 2015**

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:30.

A lengthy and detailed discussion took place regarding the survey, prepared by Linda Markowitz, designed to measure the effects that budget cuts have already had on CAS units. It was decided at this stage to send the survey to Chairs, since they are best informed about department budgets. Numerous suggestions were made regarding the wording of individual questions.

Dean Hansen asked the LC to think about how to winnow bureaucracy that may be existent in the CAS Congress operating papers. Discussion ensued on the topic of how to winnow CAS-wide and SIUE-wide bureaucracy, especially at a time when faculty are being asked to do more with fewer resources. In particular, suggestions were made to streamline Merit and P&T review, as well as the workings of the Curriculum Committee (if possible).

Geoff agreed to begin the FB page where faculty could share information and Steve Tamari agreed to begin the process of organizing a “fact-finding” committee. The LC did have some concern, however, whether such a committee was necessary now that we are receiving better communication from the Dean’s office and now that faculty workloads are increasing. We agreed to speak more about that in Feb.

Date was set for the Spring Full Congress Meeting: 27 March at 1:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

Following the formal meeting, the Leadership Council hosted a party where all members of CAS were invited to stop by and chat with the LC.