

CAS Faculty Assembly
Meeting Agenda
August 19, 2025 9:30 a.m.
Kinard Auditorium 018

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – _Casey Cothran
 - i. Called to meeting at 9:33 with quorum
 - ii. Secretary Heather, parliamentarian-Tom Polaski
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2025, meeting (Appendix A)
 - i. Jo motion, Tom second, approved
- III. Celebration of College Faculty Award Recipients – _Takita Sumter
 - i. Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award—Dr. Jason Hurlbert
 - ii. Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award –Dr. Sandy Rogers
 - iii. Lynn Harand Outstanding Advisor Award –Dr. Tony Hobert
 - iv. Scholarship Excellence Award –Dr. Adam Glover
- IV. CAS Committees
 - i. CAS Curriculum Committee - Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2025, meeting (Appendix B)
 - Human Nutrition—approved nutrition communication to an existing program--approved
 - Social Work—approved name change of “field” programming to “practicum” programming, aligning with CSWE guidelines- approved
 - Social Work—approved name change for appropriate courses
 - Biology:
 - waiving 202 as a requirement, no longer offered
 - Allowing 421 to count for Area B in previous catalogs
 - Counting Math 241 as approved quantitative skills
 - Environmental science counting math 241 as statistics requirement
 - Blanket petitions were approved at last meeting
 - i. Introduction of Officers - Tom Polaski, Gwen Daley, Veronica Ahadzie, Heather Lishhartke, Jeffrey Sinn, Jessie Hoffman, and Tony Hobert
 - i. Next Meeting Sept 2 (proposals due by August 26)

CAS Nominating & Rules Committee I

- ii. Introduction of Officers –Fatima Amir, Gihanee Sendaheera, and Sal Blair
 - Election for university-level Academic Council- To replace Wanda Koszewski's

V. New Faculty, Newly Promoted/Tenured Colleagues, Faculty in New Roles – _Department Chairs

- i. New Faculty
 - Kevin Sampson, Instructor, Mass Communication
 - Mr. Terry Windell, Studio Manager, Mass Communication
 - Ms. Shalesa Grey, Administrative Assistant, Mass Communication
 - Dr. Muhammet Asil, Associate Professor, International Poli Sci, etc
 - Ms. Denise Kendrick, Instructor, Mathematics
 - Dr. James Bird, Assistant Professor, Mathematics (educator)
 - Dr. Mary Zick, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
 - Ms. Patricia Ossers de Vasquez, Administrative Assistant, Sociology etc and World Languages
- ii. Promotions
 - i. Dr. Giancarlo Anselmo, Promoted to **Associate Professor**, Received **Tenure**, (Psychology)
 - ii. Dr. Sara English, Received **Tenure** (Social Work)
 - iii. Dr. Timea Fernandez Promoted to **Associate Professor** (Chemistry, Physics, Geology, & The Environment)
 - iv. Dr. Adam Glover Promoted to **Professor** (World Languages & Cultures)
 - v. Dr. Jessie Hamm, Promoted to **Associate Professor** (Mathematics)
 - vi. Dr. Jessie Hoffman, Promoted to **Associate Professor** (Human Nutrition)
 - vii. Dr. Joe Kasko, Promoted to **Associate Professor** (Mass Communication)
 - viii. Dr. William Kiblinger, Promoted to **Professor** (Political Science, Philosophy, Religious Studies and Legal Studies)
 - ix. Dr. Duane Neff, Promoted to **Professor** (Social Work)
 - x. Dr. William Schulte, Promoted to **Professor** (Mass Communication)
 - xi. Dr. Daniel Stovall, Received **Tenure** (Biology)
- iii. Senior Instructors-
 - i. Kara Beasley, Amanda Campbell, Amanda Covington, Bryan Ghent, Cassandra Bell, Sarah Titman, Stephanie Nielsen
- iv. New Roles-
 - i. Chairs: Devon Fitzgerald (English), Arran Hamm (mathematics)
 - ii. Amanda Campbell—Writing Center
 - iii. Kelly Richardson—Graduate Director English

VI. Old Business --None

VII. New Business --none

VIII. Remarks from the Dean – _Takita Sumter

- i. Enrollments—1067 freshman, 350 transfers—several departments are now over 100 including normal depts
- ii. We've gotten several former Limestone students—38 students
- iii. Social Work—Limestone graduate students came here
- iv. 52 new students in criminal justice program
- v. Budget is balanced—there is now excess funds due to higher enrollment than expectation—to discuss in October
- vi. GIS and Technical Writing Microcertificates doing well
- vii. Eagle Stem Scholars highest enrollment
- viii. Dual Language Immersion: First group graduated this past spring
- ix. Business and Technology students Middle College program starts this semester (juniors and seniors)
- x. Sims and Dalton under renovations should be done by end of Fall semester
- xi. Sims/Dalton experiencing AC issues that need replacement parts, goal is to do before classes need to be moved—will update
- xii. Social Work looking at establishing a dsw
- xiii. Kinard renovations happening, including elevator repair should be done by beginning of semester
- xiv. CAS donations—
 - i. Pre-Law scholarship established- award spring of 2025
 - ii. Pre-Law endowment also established
 - iii. SC for mass comm
 - iv. English depart- 16000 for Technical Writing
 - v. Scholarship for Chester students—
 - vi. 5k races for Social Work, Math,
 - vii. Model UN Campaign
- xv. Grants- 4.5 million from different agencies
- xvi. 900 still for faculty development into 25-26 year, but there are changes to travel policy—registration and travel (not hotel) can be prepaid, all travel reimbursement requests must be submitted within 30 calendar days, only commercial hotels in general—can be submitted electronically—now with direct deposit
- xvii. AI—be clear on policies for how students can and cannot use AI –located in the policy repository for the university—plans to update college syllabus repository
- xviii. Interfolio is being retired and replaced with Watermark likely. The interfolio contact ends on February 26. Most processes happening during Fall will continue through Interfolio. Those submitting in the Spring will have a different process—likely OneDrive—still in discussion.
- xix. Watermark—faculty reports, evaluations, and assessment processes may make these processes easier as things are integrated
- xx. Searches for adjuncts/faculty will be transitioning to PeopleAdmin

- xxi. New Student Evals launches this semester

IX. Announcements

- i. Faculty Conference meeting Friday at 2
- ii. Opening Convocation is back in Byrnes on Monday
- iii. Job report on Chartwell's is inflated, goal is to rehire 80%
- iv. Facilities contract is in final contract- equitable in terms of requirement and tuition assistance—

X. Adjournment

- i. Adjourned at 10:43

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 49 faculty members for Faculty Assembly. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.