COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

**PRESENT**: John Cochran, Chuck Connor, Eric Eisenberg, Lorene Hall-Jennings, Julie Harmon, Richard Manning, Kelly Page Werder, Robert Potter, Philip Reeder, Bernd Reiter, Sandy Schneider, Mary Sweely, Sharon Johnson-Hamilton

**ABSENT**: Catherine Beneteau, James Cavendish (Sabbatical), Adriana Novoa, Christine Probes, Kristina Schmidt, Hari Srikanth

I. Meeting called to order.
II. Introduction of old and new members.
III. April 27th meeting minutes approved.
IV. Deans' remarks: Int. Associate Dean of Research & Scholarship, Dr. Chuck Connor spoke about CAS internal awards. He stated that there will be at least 40 awards of $1500 to be awarded. He handed out the guidelines for these and asked the Faculty Council to review them and to give their suggestions. Regarding the scoring rubric, Dr. Sandy Schneider suggested that #4 be changed to #1, and that #2 be deleted. Council members emphasized that the quality of the proposed research and its potential to make an impact on the relevant field and on the university's research profile is paramount, and that the mere fact that a proposal requests funds of a prioritized sort should not be regarded as making it more worthy of support on its own. Regarding funding priorities, it was suggested that payment for external expert/consulting services be placed as a medium priority, and that it should be made explicit that no travel is to be to

be paid if the person attending a conference or workshop is not presenting. It was suggested that funding priorities be streamlined.

Dr. Eisenberg distributed a memo that he had previously sent out to the CAS Chairs and Directors. This memo outlined several issues, mainly the budget and how the Provost is working to keep the college budgets stable through being funded through "recurring rather than one-time only funds sources. He also stated that Graham Tobin is leading a new committee on a new Strategic Plan. All in all he says Florida is looking strong.

Dr. Cochran indicated that between 57-60 searches were approved. Some of these were new lines and there were lines for undergraduate & STEM & new faculty from Lakeland.

Dr. Potter informed the group that the legislature has decided to reducesp -1.393 Td[r)13.068 -10-2(t)-2(s)nrerecurnd.hed thske