

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty Senates
Sep 27th, 2017
Submitted by Hyunju Chung

Present: Wilfred Major (president/Interdisciplinary Studies), Dorothy McCaughey (ENGL), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), Jamie Greer (FLL-at-large), Hyunju Chung (COMD), Alan Baumeister (PSYC), Joe Clare (POLI), Alan Baumeister (PSYC), Maria Rethelyi (PHIL&REL), Mark Wagner (FLL), Steven Greening (PSYC), Angeletta Gourdine (ENGL), Jennifer Davis (ENGL), Isiah Lavender (ENGL), Maria Rethelyi (REL), Emily Batinski (FLL), Jamie Greer (FLL), Michael Barton (SOCl).

I. Open and introductions

II. Minutes from April 26, 2017 approved

III. Old Business

1. Setting up officers and committees

- **Secretary:** Hyunju Chung
- **Faculty Welfare and Policy Committee**, chaired by the first vice-president, is charged with reviewing any policy or matter that affects faculty morale, such as compensation or teaching conditions.
 - 1st Vice President: Angeletta Gourdine
 - Mark Wagner – faculty fellowships and leave
 - Alan Baumeister – DFW/student evaluations
 - Dorothy McCaughey, Jennifer Davis, Steve Namikas
- **Academic Oversight Committee**, chaired by the Senate president, will review CAPPE's annual report; see Article VI. The Senate president, in consultation with the dean and the Steering Committee, will determine this committee's additional charge for each academic year.
 - Chaired by president (W. Major)
 - Isiah Lavender, Maria Rethelyi, Joseph Clare, Steven Greening
- **Scholarship and Teaching Committee**, chaired by the second vice-president, is charged with considering issues relating to scholarship and teaching in the College. This committee will also choose the nominee or nominees for the University-wide doctoral dissertation award.
 - 2nd Vice President: Mike Barton
 - Emily Batinski, Jamie Greer, David Chicoine

2. Update on developing HSS course for internship

- Course proposal is going before CAPPE Committee this year.

3. Update on grade inflation / the role of student evaluations / DFW in reviewing faculty performance

- Waiting for the data from the Dean

4. HSS governance of faculty fellowships and leave

- Ann Whitmer was at our meeting last term. An idea for drafting a guideline was suggested. Still waiting to receive the guideline draft from Ann Whitmer

5. Updating HSS Faculty Senate Website —defer to W. Major when he is past president

6. Faculty raises

- Still some concerns and issues with the raise:
 - How the raise been decided, distributed, and implemented (% and category regarding merit raise).
 - (Merit raise was not used for the equity issues. Equity issue was not addressed at the college level).
- Continuing effort will be made to push for the further raise
- Angeletta G. will find out decisions made at the university senate meeting so that we can be consistent with their decisions.
- Request will be made to consider retirement plan for the next raise discussion
- Dean will be at our next meeting
- We need to form our questions for our next meeting with the Dean

IV. New business

7. HSS initiatives related to LSU Strategic Plan

- LSU Strategic Plan 2025
 - Each college has to prepare plans that are consistent with the university strategic plan.
 - We need to review the initiatives the Dean is interested in making for the college
 - Dean's concern: HSS didn't get huge attention

V. Next Meeting:

Spring 2017: continue with Wed 3pm

Fall 2018: probably switch to am

VI. Adjourn