

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty Senates
April 26th, 2017
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Present: Wilfred Major (president/Interdisciplinary Studies), Dorothy McCaughey (ENGL), Kendall Gibson (FLL), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), Carolyn Ware (at-large), William Saas (CMST & proxy for Bryan McCann), Hyunju Chung (COMD), Alan Baumeister (PSYC), Joe Clare (POLI), David Chicoine (Geo&Anth), Maria Rethelyi (PHIL&REL), Jeff Leichmann (FREN), Steven Greening (PSYC), Isiah Lavender III (English).

1 Open and introductions

2 Approval of minutes for March 22, 2017

3 Old Business

- Developing HSS course for internship credit – visit by Kayla Kucharchuk
 - Main Issues:
 - No clear guideline:
 - Faculty members/ instructors being unsure with the procedures to follow or a person to contact for inquiries related to internship courses
 - Students are often lost with their career plans
 - Need some types of language to define the internship program
 - What Kayla (Olinde Career Center) has been working on for the past 5 or 6 years:
 - Setting rules for credit hours: how many hours worked will count for a credit (e.g., 10 hours for 3 credits or 20 hours?) What are the assignments upon the completion of the internship program? (e.g., do students need to submit a 10-page paper?)
 - Building database: list of community services/employers
 - Engaging more community services/employers
 - Finding ways to protect our students (e.g., issues with unpaid internship, safety of our students, etc)
 - Creating Internship course template
- Nominations and selections for P&T Committee – ongoing
- Update on grade inflation / the role of student evaluations / DFW in reviewing faculty performance – (post-meeting) Jeff Leichmann and Alan Baumeister will work together to gather specific data from the dean and report on analysis and form recommendations during academic year 2017-18.
- HSS governance of faculty fellowships and leave – defer to Mark Wagner in Fall 2017
- HSS bylaws and LSU Faculty Senate elections
 - Nothing to report
- Potential new HSS software for tracking students – to be dropped from agenda unless new developments emerge
- Updating HSS Faculty Senate Website —defer to W. Major when he is past president

4 New business

- Letter about lack of raises
 - Laura Martins (Foreign Languages) has composed a letter on behalf of the college faculty regarding lack of raises and calling for a prompt start to redress the problem
 - Dean Haynie is composing a companion memo to the provost in support the faculty voice
 - 75 faculty members already expressed their endorsement
 - The letter (attached in the email sent from W. Major on April 21st) can be circulated to fellow faculty for their endorsement (can add your name by emailing W. Major (wmajor@lsu.edu) or Laura Martins (martins@lsu.edu))
 - Concerns from the floor: pay equity issues vs. merit raises need to be clarified

Adjourn: **next meeting will be in the Fall 2017**