

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty Senate
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Present: Wilfred Major (president/Interdisciplinary Studies), Bryan McCann (at-large; proxy for William Saas (CMST)), Dorothy McCaughey (ENGL), Michael Bibler (ENGL), Michael Barton (SOCL), Jamie Greer (FORL-Spanish), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), David Chicoine (Geo&Anth), Steven Greening (PSYC), Joe Clare (POLI), Elsie Michie (ENGL), Isaiah Lavender III (ENGL), Carolyn Ware (at-large), Jeff Leichman (French), Angeletta Gourdine (ENGL), Andrea Castillo (FORL-Spanish), Emily Batinski (FORL-Classics)

- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes from 27 April 2016 approved
- III. Officers and committees for 2016-17
 - a. McCann continuing to serve as interim secretary
 - b. Faculty Welfare and Policy Committee
 - i. 1st Vice President: Ware
 - ii. Other members: McCaughey, Gourdine, McCann, Batinski
 - c. Academic Oversight Committee
 - i. Members: Namikas, Lavender
 - d. Scholarship and Teaching Committee
 - i. 2nd Vice President: Barton
 - ii. Other members: Greer, Chicoine, Castillo
- IV. Old business
 - a. Internship policies
 - i. Ware prepared a report outlining internship policies across the college. **Please review your own department's section in the report and let Carolyn know if you see any errors.**
 - ii. Next steps?
 1. Courses and Curriculum committee is also working on internships
 2. In general, conversations are taking place across the university regarding internships, so it may be in our best interest to stay ahead of the curve and/or solicit input from others who are working on this.
 3. What is our position regarding compensation?
 4. Ware will reconstitute the committee to determine the way forward.
 - iii. HSS policies on funding for graduate students
 1. Leichman sent out a query to all departments and got very few responses
 - a. He heard from: Poli Sci, Comm D, Comp Lit, and History
 - b. **If your department is not listed above, please ask your DGS to respond to Jeff (he will re-send the original email this week)**
 2. What we've learned so far

- a. At this point, largely due to low response rates, it is very difficult to gauge where we are at as a college.
 - b. Move toward leveling-out of stipends creates decreases in some departments and increases in others
 - c. Many departments are frustrated and confused by the two/four-year limit on funding (i.e. are students earn a master's and then re-apply for PhD eligible for six years of funding? Are departments "allowed" to offer fifth-year funding?)
 - d. In general, we are not competitive with peer programs
 3. Can we translate the information we're gathering into concrete action from the senate?
 4. Next steps forward
 - a. Clarify points of confusion
 - b. Seek data regarding recruitment challenges
 5. Bibler volunteered to help Jeff continue this work; Academic Oversight Committee will also provide assistance
 6. University FS resolution re: graduate stipend increases (available online: <http://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolution%2016-11%20improving%20graduate%20student%20stipends.pdf>)
 - b. HSS Faculty Senate Website (no news)
 - c. Student tracking software (no news)
 - d. Facilities planning committee – The college has constituted a committee separate from the facilities work the university is doing
 - i. Senate can function as conduit for communication with college administration and contractors
 - ii. Faculty Welfare and Policy Committee may play a role?
 - iii. Some key issues: Mold in offices, terrible bathrooms, accessibility, gender inclusivity/flexibility
 - e. Grade inflation/student evaluations/DFWs
 - i. Still unresolved after spring meeting with Dean Haynie
 - ii. Chris Barrett and Kent Mathewson were working on this, but are no longer on the senate.
 - iii. Faculty Welfare and Policy Committee will continue pursuing this.
 - iv. Willie will send the material Chris and Kent's gathered to the committee
 - v. Concerns that this runs afoul of university policy is quite real and a potential avenue for action
- V. New business
 - a. HSS bylaws and University Faculty Senate
 - i. Kevin Cope has indicated that he wishes the college would *elect* it senators for UFS
 - ii. College bylaws call for apportionment, but no elections
 - iii. Discussion tabled for next time
- VI. Adjourn