

College of HSS Faculty Senate
October 29, 2019
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Present: Alan Baumeister (President/PSYC); Jamie Greer (FLL); Matt Valasik (SOCL); Steve Greening (PSYC); Christina Armistead (ENGL); Clay Weill (ENG); Robert Tague (Geo and Anthro); Joe Clare (Poli Sci); Brianne Painia (Interdiscip. Studies); Hyunju Chung (COMD); Emily King (ENG); Laura Martins (ILL)

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes for September 25, 2019 [Approved]
3. Old Business
 - 3.1. WFD policy
 - Dean Blanchard provided a 3-point clarification that describes the practices of the dean's office when evaluating instructor's grade distributions
 - [INSERT bullets from Dean Blanchard]
4. New business
 - 4.1. HSS Faculty Senate website
 - Brianne has agreed to oversee the website
 - 4.2. HSS dean candidate interviews
 - Alan suggests submitting a single recommendation
 - Schedule an ad hoc meeting to vote on our recommendations for new Dean, set for Wednesday November 6.
 - 4.3. Update on HSS faculty travel
 - Faculty and Welfare committee is looking into faculty travel funds. Currently, college provides \$1,500 per faculty for travel. ORED also provides \$750, but these funds are limited. Instructors are not provided funds (\$0) for travel.
 - U of South Carolina (Max travel is \$5,000), Texas A&M (unknown), U Tennessee Knoxville (\$1,000)
 - Prepare a letter requesting travel funds for instructors for travel (not necessarily an amount for each instructor). Maybe a pot of money at the at the college level. For instructors, it is for the purposes of professional development, instructional and technological advancement, content specific training and upkeep. Application process should be simple, streamline, and first-come first serve.
 - Additionally, an overall increase in funds from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for faculty travel.
 - We also need to deal with faculty salary increases
5. Adjourn [Moved: Steve Greening; Seconded: Brianne Painia; Approved]