

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty Senate
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Submitted by Bryan McCann

Present: Wilfred Major (president/Interdisciplinary Studies), Bryan McCann (at-large), Dorothy McCaughey (ENGL), Jamie Greer (FLL), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), David Chicoine (Geo&Anth), Elsie Michie (ENGL), Isaiah Lavender III (ENGL), Carolyn Ware (at-large), William Saas (CMST), Mark Wagner (FLL), Hyunju Chung (COMD), Alan Baumeister (PSYC), Steven Greening (PSYC), Angeletta Gourdine (ENGL), Michael Barton (SOCL), Associate Dean Ann Whitmer (guest), Michael Bibler (at-large), Steven Andes (HIST), Jeff Leichman (FLL)

- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes from 26 October 2016 approved
- III. Old business
 - a. HSS governance on faculty fellowships and leave (Wagner and Whitmer)
 - i. College is attempting to standardize policy
 - ii. Remains “fuzzy” because the process is “complicated”
 - iii. Most fellowships are awarded to the individual, not the university
 1. Faculty member usually has to go on leave
 2. Fellowship does not cover full LSU salary, meaning it falls on the college to make up the difference if the dean chooses (and the provost approves)
 - iv. Amount of fellowships varies “wildly” relative to LSU salary
 - v. Some considerations (with no firm rules) the dean has been looking at:
 1. Prestige of the fellowship
 2. Project and productivity of applicant
 3. Has the applicant been on leave before? Recently?
 4. Impact of leave on department
 - a. Teaching and service needs during leave
 - b. Prestige of the department
 5. Percentage of salary covered by fellowship (the dean considers one course to be one eighth of salary for a TT faculty member)
 - vi. Whereas social sciences have a customary departmental approval process, the humanities do not. This raises questions about whether individuals should simply seek fellowships as they wish or engage with the college and department early in the process.
 - vii. The college is seeking input from faculty
 1. HSS senate committee?
 2. List from the college of “pre-approved” or “likely-to-be-approved” fellowships/circumstances?
 3. Deadlines for checking in with college and department about anticipated applications?
 - viii. Consider putting applications on annual report because a) they constitute scholarly activity and b) doing so keeps department chair in the loop

- b. HSS dissertation awards
 - i. Nominees are forthcoming
 - ii. Usually have about four weeks to review
 - c. HSS course for internship credit
 - i. Dean's office is still interested in creating a course to track credit for internships
 - ii. Willie will follow up before first spring meeting
 - d. Graduate student funding
 - i. Willie drafted a letter he will send to the dean seeking clarification on certain issues; distributed it at the meeting and solicited feedback; he will revise and send it off to the dean
 - e. No updates on tracking software
 - f. Grade inflation/student evaluations/DFW
 - i. Willie and Bryan assembled a paper trail of the discussion up to this point
 - ii. The dean will attend the second senate meeting of the semester
 - iii. We will revisit the issue in earnest at the first meeting of the spring in order to prepare for the dean's visit
 - g. Will revisit university faculty senate elections/bylaws at the beginning of the spring semester; revising bylaws will be a significant task
- IV. No new business
- V. Adjourn