

College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Faculty Senate  
April 18th, 2018  
Submitted by Hyunju Chung

Present: Wilfred Major (president/Interdisciplinary Studies), Dorothy McCaughey (ENGL), Hyunju Chung (COMD), Steven Greening (PSYC), Kendall Gibson (FLL), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), Mark Wagner (FLL), Asiya Alam (HIST), Joe Clare (POLI), William Saas (CMST), Matthew Valasik (SOCL), Michael Barton (SOCL), Brigitte Delzell (FREN)

- I. Open and introductions
- II. Approval of minutes for March 14, 2018.
  - Approved
- III. Old Business
  1. Election of next President
    - Alan Baumeister has accepted nomination as the president-elect of the HSS Faculty Senate for 2018-19.
  2. Investigation into grade inflation / the role of student evaluations / DFW in reviewing faculty performance
    1. Revising HSS Course Evaluation questions
      - Purpose: some of the current questions do not adequately evaluate instructors. Need to differentiate questions addressing instructors' capacity versus other measures that are out of instructors' control.
      - Issues: evaluation scores differ by
        - a) Required vs. electives courses
        - b) Large vs. small classes
        - c) Online vs. paper format (lower participation for online survey, with more complaints from students who are not coming to class)
      - Subcommittee members (Steven Greening, Kendall Gibson, Dorothy McCaughey, and Mark Wagner) will work on revising teaching evaluation questions
    3. Nominations and selections for P&T Committee and next year's HSS Faculty Senate
    4. Update on HSS governance of faculty fellowships and leave
    5. Updating HSS Faculty Senate Website —defer to W. Major when he is past president
- IV. New business
- V. Adjourn
- VI. End of term: **next meeting in Fall 2018**