

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty Senates
September 26th, 2018
Submitted by Hyunju Chung

Present: Alan Baumeister (President/PSYC), Wilfred Major (Interdisciplinary Studies), Hyunju Chung (COMD), Joe Clare (POLI), Kendall Gibson (FLL), Steve Namikas (GEOG+ANTH), Steven Greening (PSYC), Asiya Alam (HIST), Sherri Johnson (HIST), David Chicoine (GEOG+ANTH), Matthew Valasik (SOCL), Clay Weill (ENGL), Isiah Lavender III (ENGL), Paula Arai (PHIL&REL), Serap Erincin (CMST)

I. Open & Introductions

II. Comments by Dean Blanchard

- LSU had the biggest size freshmen this year. Overall 18.2% and 25% HSS growth
- HSS now has a new recruiter and a career coach who helps students transition from curriculum to career
- HSS academy: graduated the first group of students this year. This is a three-week boot camp for helping students get ready for LSU who were not admitted last year.
- HSS holds an hour long optional freshmen success seminar to facilitate transition from high school to university

III. Approval of minutes for April 18th, 2018

- Approved

IV. Old business

- Use of student evaluations in assessment of faculty teaching performance: need to differentiate questions addressing instructors' capacity vs. measures that are out of instructors' control. Scholarship and Teaching sub-committee will revise evaluation questions
- College DFW policy and faculty performance evaluations: need some specific guidance in determining DFW distribution

V. New business

- a. Election of officers: approved as suggested
 - President: Alan Baumeister (PSYC)
 - Secretary: Hyunju Chung (COMD)
 - 1st Vice President: Angeletta Gourdine (ENGL)
 - 2nd Vice President: Mike Barton (SOCL)
- b. Standing Committees
 - Academic Oversight Committee: Isiah Lavender III (ENGL)
 - Scholarship and Teaching Committee: Matthew Valasik (SOCL), Steven Greening (PSYC), David Chicoine (GEOG+ANTH), Sherri Johnson (HIST)
 - Faculty Welfare and Policy Committee: Clay Weill (ENGL), Serap Erincin (CMST), Joe Clare (POLI), Paula Arai (PHIL&REL), Kendall Gibson (FLL), Steve Namikas (Geo&Anth), Asiya Alam (HIST)

- c. Creating ADA compliant instructional material
 - What is requested? Not so clear at the moment. More specific guideline is needed.

5. Adjourn **next meeting on Oct 24th, 2018**