

Minutes from the Humanities and Social Science Faculty Senate Meeting held on September 16, 2014 from noon to 1.00 pm in Hodges Hall 155.

In attendance:

Mark Wagner - President  
Michael Barton  
Bryan McCann  
Dorothy McCaughy  
William Saas --- Acting as proxy for Trish  
Carolyn Ware  
Phillip Maciah  
Daniel C. Tirone  
Kent Matthewson  
Chris Barrett ---Acting as proxy for Michael Bibber  
Jeff Leichman  
Steve Andes  
Kodi Roberts  
Carmela Mattza

### **Agenda**

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1. Meeting time of the H&SS Senate for the fall semester.
2. Election of a Secretary
3. Formation of the Subcommittee
4. Representation from Humanities and Social Science in the University Faculty Senate

### **The Meeting**

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1. Mark Wagner started the meeting at noon and announced that he would serve as president during the fall semester and Wilfred Major who was currently in sabbatical would do so in the spring. After consulting with the members in attendance the date and time of the H&SS Senate meetings were set for Tuesday, October 14 and Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Both meeting would be from 12.00 to 1.00 pm.
2. The president invited the members to nominate or auto-nominate as Secretary. Carmela Mattza volunteered to fulfill that role during the fall semester.
3. Mark described the task and duties of each subcommittee and invited the members in attendance to join one of them. The subcommittees were arranged as follow:

### **Academic Oversight**

- a) Jeff Letchman
- b) Steve Andes
- c) Carolyn Ware

### **Faculty Welfare**

- a) Carmela Mattza
- b) Dorothy McCaughty
- c) Bryan McCann
- d) William Saas, acting as proxy for Trish
- e) Kodi Roberb

### **Scholarship and Teaching**

- a) Christ Barrett
- b) Michael Bibler
- c) Daniel Tirone
- d) Kent Matthewson
- e) Michael Barton

4. The president informed that the H&SS Faculty Senate is in need to fulfill some vacancies and opened up the discussion about how the Senate would like to proceed to fill up those seats. He stated that it is up to the faculty members of the Senate to decide the best way to carry on the election. Bryan McCann requested the president to describe the task of the Senate and he read a statement prepared by Michelle Zebra on the topic, which Kent Matthewson commented. After it, the following options were proposed:
- a) To hold a college wide election
  - b) To contact the chairs and requested them to hold an internal election or ask for volunteers.

The second option was approved and the president agreed to as soon as September 16 or the following days he would contact the chairs of the Departments by e-mail to request them to invite their professorial faculty to volunteer as a representative.

It was also agreed by the college faculty senate that the chairs will have a period of time (some weeks) to answer the petition. Dorothy McCaughty suggested the Senate to oversee a balance in the number of member representatives from each Department in the School of Humanities and Social Science. The President then commented that there is not a policy on that issue.

Finally the president informed the senate that there are six vacancies in the University Faculty Senate and that in opinion of the David Cope the representation from H&SS is in crisis.

To end the meeting, the president asked the senate for comments or announcement. Kent Matthewson made a brief introduction of AAUP and their current needs.

The meeting ended at 12.40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Carmela Mattza