

Minutes
Meeting of the HSS Faculty Senate
April 26, 2023
155 Hodges Hall
11:30 am

Present:

Claudia Sanford – World Languages
Christina Armistead - English
Matt Freeman – World Languages
Kelly Clark - Psychology
Colter Ray – Communication Studies
Alan Baumeister – Psychology

Senators discussed maintenance issues for buildings that house HSS departments and programs. The HSS Faculty Senate has received lists of building maintenance issues for Himes Hall, Stubbs Hall, Coates Hall, and Audubon Hall. The issues in these buildings are a serious problem. Senators expressed concerns that these issues adversely affect health, research, and interactions among faculty and students. In addition, numerous apparent ADA compliance issues were noted. Senators agreed to compile maintenance data for the remaining buildings that house HSS departments and programs. Coulter Ray agreed to develop a questionnaire regarding maintenance issues. Claudia Sanford will compile data for Hodges Hall. Alan Baumeister will send requests for data to department heads in the remaining buildings.

The Faculty Senate was briefed about communications between Dean Blanchard and Alan Baumeister regarding a previous request for data on starting salaries by HSS unit and gender. Dean Blanchard has referred the request to HR. The Dean indicated that instead of presenting start-up salaries alone the college wanted to provide the Senate with a more holistic perspective that includes additional start-up costs and market factors. The Senate hopes to receive these data this summer.

Christina Armistead and Claudia Sanford agreed to serve as 1st and 2nd vice presidents, respectively, during the 2023-2024 academic year. Alan Baumeister will ask Alecia Long if she will continue as secretary. Alan Baumeister will continue performing the duties of president until a new president can be found.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

Minutes compiled by Alan Baumeister