

FS council update – Sunday 4/1/18

Good evening colleagues:

A lot has happened in a week. A summary of faculty senate related events follows.

1. The FS steering committee met with the chair of the HU Middle States team and Associate Provost Daphne Bernard on Monday 3/26. See MS1.pdf.
2. PPTF met on Monday 3/26. Items topics were considered for evaluation instrument. Timeline was extended.
3. A representative of the FS will sit on the COO's task force dealing with everything involving the aftermath of the boiler/pipe fiasco: Prof. Andre Farquharson. Although Prof. Farquharson couldn't make the first meeting Monday 3/26, Prof. John Tharakan attended in his absence. We should get a brief written report soon.
4. The general counsel of the HU administration (Ms. Prioleau) appears to have been actively advocating for associate deans being on the FS undergraduate trustee ballot. Please see GC.pdf.
5. The FS has generated an evaluation instrument that some proposed be used to evaluate Deans annually at full senate meetings. (Please see sampleDeanEval.pdf) Tues 3/27.
6. Two articles were published on the medium website. I've attached copies of both (M1.pdf and M2.pdf). The first article suggested there was embezzlement in the HU financial aid office for close to a decade. The second article seems to suggest that student whistleblowers were targeted by the current HU administration for exposing the alleged embezzlement. Tues night 3/27.
7. On Wednesday 3/28, The HU president confirmed he was informed of potential embezzlement in 2016 and told the board. 6 employees were eventually fired. See PresStatement1.pdf.
8. FS emergency meeting on Wed 3/28 regarding faculty trustee election. See CM1.pdf.
9. Students occupied the A building at 3:13 Thursday 3/29.
10. On Friday, I resigned as FS rep to PPTF. Please see PPTFR1.pdf.
11. On Friday 3/30, A small group of the council/steering committee proposed items to consider in light of the admission of the HU president. See attached PT1.pdf.

12. HU Board Chair Mr. Mobley came out with statement regarding student demands Friday 3/30. Please see MB1.pdf.

13. Prof. Richard Wright resigned as faculty senate chair on Saturday 3/31. Please see RW1.pdf.

14. Both the steering committee and the council will meet Monday 4/2. The council meeting will be at 3pm in the senate office. Potential points we will consider in the meetings are as follows. See MT1.pdf.

Please note. The council may vote to hold a no confidence vote in the executive committee of the board, the president, and the provost in the full senate meeting 4/4/18. I will send this info to COAS if it is approved for the Full senate meeting agenda. (again see MT1.pdf)