

FS September Summary

Dear Colleagues,

This is a summary of some of what's happened in the faculty senate over the last month.

Congratulations:

Professor Mohsen Mosleh and coPI's awarded \$750,000 over 3 years from the US Dept. of Education. The participating programs are Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Chemical, and Computer Science. The project will financially support and train 150 freshman and sophomore students in research in these disciplines over three years.

Urgent Issues:

1. Conditions in Chemistry building
2. Dorm Conditions impacting student engagement
3. Delayed Graduate Student Pay
4. Missing Materials From 2018 "Steam Events"

Upcoming Faculty Senate highlighted talks:

1. Panel Discussion

Title: "Current & Future State of Howard University in Light of Various Societal Challenges"

Date: 10/10/19

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Sumner Museum, 1201 17th St. NW, 6:30pm,

Panelists: Dr. Carl Anderson (Former HU Dean of Student Affairs), Dr. Natalie Hopinkson (HU Dept. of Communication Culture and Media Studies), Dr. Joshua M. Myers (HU Dept. of Afro American Studies)

Sponsors: The Capstone Group with support from HU Faculty Senate Members

2. Panel Discussion

Title: "Black Farmers and Land Grabbing Universities"

Date: 10/16/19

Time: 2pm

Location: Room 300A, Founder's Library

Sponsors: Howard University Department of Afro-American Studies and

Department of Sociology, ActionAid USA

Speakers: Altamiran Ribiero, Vann Newkirk

How faculty retirement funds and endowments accumulate stolen land in Brazil and the U.S.

Upcoming meetings:

1. Steering Committee Meeting, 10/15/19, 9-10am, Senate Office. All Welcome
2. Meeting FS Chair with the Board's Academic Excellence Committee Chair, Trustee Dr. Danette Howard, 10/10/19, 10am-10:30am.

Council Updates:

1. New senate website: <https://hufaculty.com/>
2. Message to Alums, Students, Parents, and Friends about HU Faculty Senate Members: <https://hufaculty.com/to-alums-students-parents-and-friends/>
3. Steering committee elected.
4. Issue agenda approved in council.
5. Recommendations to BAC, TRAC, Engineering and Business Decanal Searches.
6. Work study students to write and photograph Senate and Faculty events. They may be coming to your office to ask about your research and teaching to write highlight articles.
7. All Committees have been contacted and requested to elect chairs and begin regular meetings.
8. Weekly Senate happy hour at local business - Sankofa, Bravo Bar, or Ghion
9. More Updates weekly. Still to come: 2019 Handbook, PPTF, Middle States accreditation 3rd party comments, Leadership transition, evaluation, ombudsperson, etc...
10. We've created a discussion forum. We've tested it for a couple of months and will gradually add all full time faculty to the forum. Please look out for an email inviting you to join the forum.

11. We've been asked why we don't use HU Communications more often.
Please see the attached.