

My notes on yesterday's council meeting

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Colleagues:

Just a few notes about the 3/28/18 HU Faculty Senate Council emergency call meeting regarding the undergraduate trustee election that started at 2pm yesterday.

1. Much of the meeting was focused on language for a letter that will go out to all HU faculty regarding the faculty trustee election changes. See revisedfinal.pdf.
2. Prof. Wright wrote the following in an email to General Counsel and Board Secretary (a.pdf) in which he said. "The Council, which met this morning, voted to accept the recommendation. I reminded the Council that all procedural changes to the Faculty Trustee election would require review and approval by the Secretary of the Board. However, I was strongly opposed, and the Council directed me to inform the Secretary of the action that has been taken to issue a new ballot, minus the name of Moses Garuba." The council never directed Prof. Wright to contact the Board Secretary.

In the meeting, I asked Prof. Wright why he told the Board Secretary the council had directed him to contact her. He responded that he hadn't written it. I then pulled up the email and read it aloud. Prof. Wright then said something similar to "Fine. Mea Culpa. Now what do you want me to do?" I then said, "Don't do it

again.”

3. In the meeting I asked Prof. Wright when the ballots for Undergraduate Faculty trustee were sent for upload. I believe he replied early March. Several members then reminded everyone in the room that according to the corrected Feb 2 council meeting minutes, the council moved, voted and passed a motion reaffirming that assistant and associate Deans are ineligible for the undergraduate trustee position (sorry I don't have exact wording with me). We asked why this wasn't sent to the CoC? I think Prof. Wright said the council members at the meeting should have done it.

4. Prof. Tharakan gave an oral report regarding the COO meeting from Monday. He will follow up with a brief written report soon.

I forgot to bring up the following in the meeting that several faculty that could not make the meeting had suggested.

5. Every year the administration prepares a list of faculty eligible to vote in faculty trustee elections. This list is currently in the Faculty Senate Office. The names of assistant and associate deans have never been on this list, since they are not full time faculty. They are not on the current list either - including Dr. Garuba. If assistant and associate deans aren't eligible to vote, they are not eligible to serve as faculty trustee.

I had to leave the meeting a bit early and there were significant discussions after I left. I hope others can fill in what I've left off here.

Best,

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