

# Faculty Senate Update 2019-2020

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# Campaign Promises

- As chair of the Faculty Senate, I think I can help the Senate in 3 broad categories.
- (1) I can help encourage transparency within the Faculty Senate.
- (2) I can help encourage / remind the Faculty Senate Council that the faculty tell the council what to do, and not vice versa.
- (3) I can encourage the Faculty Senate Council to work according to our constitution, bylaws, and the faculty handbook.

# Transparency

- **How can I encourage transparency?**
- I'll ensure that announcement and minutes of the council are emailed and posted on an HU faculty senate website.
- Also, I'll encourage public reports from council representatives and post these on the site.
- I'll email and post regularly scheduled council, steering committee, and other committee meetings' times and dates.
- I'll push to have the senate communicator published.

# Transparency

- <https://hufaculty.com>
- Current documents, past documents, press releases, meeting summaries, email updates. Letters, minutes,
- Need to push for representative reports
- Need to push for senate communicator publication

# Faculty tell council what to do

- **How will I encourage / remind the council that the faculty tell the council what to do and not vice versa?**
- I will keep the faculty updated through email and website updates of all council decisions and meeting times.
- I'll also continuously remind the faculty that they can vote to overturn council legislative decisions.
- The broad faculty have the ideas and expertise to put HU back on course (HCM2, shrinking budgets, faculty without offices, etc.) and realize its potential. If elected, I'll try to help you enact your ideas.

# Faculty tell council what to do

- Created external website with meeting dates and times.
- Email updates. Will try to do weekly.
- **Remind faculty that they can overturn council decisions.**
- Created discussion forum have invited about 10% of senate faculty to participate. Will expand over the next few weeks to all senate faculty. All faculty can post and suggest ideas!
- These suggestions were basis of last steering committee and council agendas.

# Abiding by our documents

- **How will I encourage the council and senate to work according to our documents?**
- I'll push for all committees to meet regularly. I'll encourage the creation and adoption of evaluations of upper administrators and the BoT, and surveys of faculty satisfaction.
- I'll encourage progressive and legitimate changes to the 1993 handbook.
- I'll encourage regular meetings with the HU Board of Trustees.
- I'll encourage progressive policy changes affecting faculty.

# Abiding by our documents

- We've pushed for committees to elect chairs and meet regularly. All have been contacted. Not all have chairs and not all have responded. Will ask for reports for spring.
- Draft survey produced and council approved a survey distribution. 11/7/19
- Requested meetings with board. Will continue to request these meetings.
- Continuing to request faculty involvement and ideas to make HU faculty life better.



- Thank you!