

Dear Colleagues,

Please take a look at the following updates from the HU Faculty Senate:

Past week

Full Senate Meeting - The full senate meeting of the Faculty Senate was held last week 11/13/19. There was not a quorum, but I presented an update and Dr. Frederick presented his state of the university. My presentation is on the FS website:

<https://hufaculty.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/169.ChairUpdateFall2019.pdf>

Questions prepared by some FS council members submitted to Dr. Frederick before the meeting are also available on the FS website:

<https://hufaculty.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/170.FullSenateQuestions.pdf>

Dr. Frederick said he would answer the council questions in writing within two weeks of the meeting. His answers will be posted on the FS website. He also agreed to provide his slides from the meeting. We will post those slides as well.

Note: Dr. Frederick and Dr. Patterson referred to the FS formal complaint letter regarding the preliminary site visit by Dr. Shirley Jackson, the MSCHE site visit chair. To be clear, I mentioned in the meeting with Dr. Jackson that as chair of the faculty senate, I advocate for MORE faculty voices to be heard - the more the better. The FS complaint letter echoes this advocacy. The single voice of the chair of the FS was inappropriate for the faculty session of the preliminary site visit.

This week:

Monday: No FS office hours

Tuesday: No FS happy hour this week

Wednesday: Officer's meeting

Next week:

Tuesday Happy Hour 5:30pm, Sankofa

New Discussions:

HU Accreditation Site Visit Chair: Please take a look at an article from AAUP regarding RPI, and the faculty senate at RPI. Please note the Howard University MSCHE site visit chair is RPI's president, Dr. Shirley Jackson.

<https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/files/JAF/2010%20JAF/CampbellKoretz.pdf>

Faculty role in academic and administrative searches: The FS has begun discussing academic and administrative searches and hires that are occurring now or have occurred over the last few years. The Engineering and Architecture School and Business School are now conducting Decanal searches. The College of Arts and Sciences completed a search for a new Dean last year. Please consider the attached letter from the FS regarding chair searches occurring now in CNAHS.

<https://hufaculty.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/173.CNAHSletter.pdf>

In addition, communities outside of HU are now starting to question the integrity of administrative searches at HU. The article below, echoes some of the problems faculty have been complaining about for several years. What should the faculty senate recommend to the HU Administration and Board of Trustees?

<https://theundefeated.com/features/howard-university-administrators-deserve-blame-for-truncated-ron-prince-era/>

Best,

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