

Hello Colleagues,

Please find a few updates below. Faculty Senate website: <https://hufaculty.com/>

This week:

Tuesday (today) : Happy hour at Sankofa, 5:30pm

Next week:

Monday: FS drop in office hours 12:15-1pm

Tuesday: Happy hour at Bravo Bar

Wednesday: Officers meeting, 7pm

UPDATES:

Full Senate Meeting update:

Sorry, but we will not post the audio recording of the full senate meeting at the request of the Secretary of the Board. We are still waiting for Dr. Frederick's slides and his answers to the questions submitted by the council.

Faculty role in administrative and academic searches:

<https://legalnewsline.com/stories/520293844-former-howard-university-hospital-employee-alleges-she-was-fired-for-reporting-unlawful-billing-practices>

CNAHS chair searches. Please see attached from Dr. Brown. The FS is waiting on a response from CNAHS faculty to see how to proceed. Dr. Wutoh was concerned about allegations against Deans and suggested that Dr. Frederick could appoint an interim faculty ombudsperson. I mentioned this might be a problem, since it appears that the last candidate was offered a position by Dr. Frederick without a vote by the council. If true, this is a violation of the established procedure for selection of the faculty ombudsperson.

New Discussions:

1. From the forum, there is a search for a new CETLA Director. The administration has asked for a FS representative for the search committee. If you would like to recommend yourself or a colleague, please let the FS know.

2. There is a discussion about international travel. It seems that some schools/colleges are not approving travel even if it's not funded or sponsored by HU.

3. There is a discussion on the possibility of recommending HU stop doing business with Koch companies. It appears HU buys supplies and building equipment from them.

4. Other important discussions include (a) requiring academic freedom advocacy for tenure and promotion, (b) surveys of faculty regarding research and academic searches, compensation and benefits, and evaluation of administrators (president, provost, deans) and the Board. (c) a full senate vote on the 2019 handbook.

New documents posted on the FS site:

11/21/19 CNAHS Chair Search Complaint (pdf)

11/13/19 Full Senate Meeting

Chair's update slides(pdf)

Prepared Council Questions(pdf)

Preliminary HU Self Study Report – (pdf)

We hope you have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!