

Re: Faculty Senate Site Change

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Good evening Dr. Wutoh,

My point was this:

“The HU administration has made clear its willingness to act on its belief that academic freedom through electronic communications is a "privilege and not a right". It would make little sense for the HU faculty to invest time and effort to helping update an HU administration controlled site, only to have it unilaterally removed, altered, or not updated. “

I regret your confusion, but I don't know how I can make it any clearer.

I can't speak for Drs. Broome, Wright, or Sobrian. But I do know that months ago I requested Faculty Senate traffic be forwarded to our new site. You all refused - citing the need for approval, security, and branding audit. (Mr. Zukeri is not to blame for any of this.) Some might consider this a unilateral decision by the HU administration not to update the Faculty Senate site.

In general, I don't have a problem with best practices or policies. But some faculty do not trust in their usefulness here at HU, because it seems that the HU upper administration doesn't always follow policies that are already adopted.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Alfred,

Good afternoon. Not to belabor the point, but I am confused regarding your previous email. On the one hand, you express concern regarding the administration "unilaterally removing, altering" or otherwise modifying content on

the Faculty Senate website. On the other hand, you seem to suggest that the administration is responsible for unilaterally modifying information on the Faculty Senate website regarding leadership and other content.

During the previous several years, I have received no request (nor am I aware of a request) from the previous Faculty Senate Chairs, Dr. Broome, Dr. Wright, nor Dr. Sobrian, to update any content on the Faculty Senate website. I applaud your efforts to modernize the site, and update this information. Please note, similar to the content on various other University webpages, the revised information is provided by the unit (Department, College, Office, etc.), and updated following vetting by the webmaster. For the sake of adopting best practices, I can reach out to our sister institutions to inquire of the process that is used on their campuses.

In response to your question regarding other institutions, I am not immediately aware how recently the Faculty Senate at those institutions have updated, or sought to update the content on their webpages. Thank you.

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Good afternoon Dr. Wutoh,

As I've mentioned to the administration before, the minutes, documents, and other major correspondence of the senate are on the new website - hufaculty.com . Also, the need for an external site is pretty clearly demonstrated on the old site, see attached. Neither Dr. Wright nor Dr. Broome have been chair for about two years. I'd be curious to find out if any of the schools you've listed have names and pictures of senate leadership that are two or more years out of date?

In addition, the HU administration has made clear its willingness to act on its belief that academic freedom through electronic communications is a "privilege and not a right". It would make little sense for the HU faculty to invest time and effort to helping update an HU administration controlled site, only to have it unilaterally removed, altered, or not updated.

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Dr. Alfred,

Good afternoon. I would be happy to facilitate a process whereby the Faculty Senate can provide updated content (officers, minutes, etc.) to Communications for the site to be updated. Of course, it would be necessary for the Faculty Senate to provide this most current information, and content for communication to faculty. Additionally, I am concerned about the establishment of an external site (in replacement of the University Faculty Senate site), as this would be out of step with other academic institutions, and would potentially limit the free flow and access to information between amongst faculty and any other interested parties. I reference the Faculty Senate sites of a few other institutions, housed on the University platform.....

<https://www.senate.umd.edu/>

<https://faculty senate.georgetown.edu/>

<https://www.american.edu/facultysenate/>

<https://academic-senate.catholic.edu/>

<https://www.morgan.edu/universitycouncil>

<https://www.ncat.edu/provost/faculty-senate/index.php>

<https://www.nsu.edu/facultysenate>

I will communicate with Mr. Zukeri to address your concerns, and update the site accordingly. Thank you.

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Hi Mr. Zukeri,

Thanks for your email. I might be misunderstanding your email. So from your email it sounds like you all will coordinate with the provost office to update the site representing the faculty senate on HU servers, but not include the faculty senate? And you all will let us know once the update is complete?

I just want to make sure I understand the proposed process.

Thanks again,

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Good morning Prof. Alfred,

Via directive from the Office of the President and Office of the Provost, my team plans to coordinate with the Provost Office on updating the site, rather than taking it down. I'll let you know once that is done.

Thanks,

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Thanks,

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Good morning,

Just checking if the old faculty senate site is going to come down soon? It continues to cause confusion when people visit the site and see information that is two years out of date.

Thanks,

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Hi Mr. Zukeri,

Thanks - I did see it. The problem is the senate doesn't have the time, people, or money to do more than we are doing now with the independent site. In addition, there are academic freedom difficulties that are avoided with a separate site.

Thanks again,

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Hello Prof. Alfred,

Please note that in my last email reply, I outlined the process by which we could accommodate your first request, which was to create a redirect from <http://www.howard.edu/faculty/senate/> to <https://hufaculty.com>, thereby replacing the old site with the new webpage. Did you see that?

Regarding this request to take down the current site (<http://www.howard.edu/faculty/senate/>) altogether, Provost Wutoh, do you approve?

Thanks,

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Hi Mr. Zukeri,

At this time it's probably best to remove the faculty senate website completely from HU web servers since traffic isn't forwarded to the new site and the old site isn't updated.

Thanks,

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Hello Ms. McDougall,

I hope your day is going well and I'm glad to see that you all have taken steps towards a new site. In order to fulfill a redirect request to the site you provided, the following would need to happen:

- First, get approval from the Provost or an Associate Provost
- Second, the site needs to meet the guidelines listed on these 2 pages, which includes both a security and branding audit: <https://www2.howard.edu/webservices/guidelines/general> and <https://www2.howard.edu/webservices/guidelines/style>

Knowing that, please let me know how you'd like to proceed. We could also arrange a phonecall to speak by phone early next week, if you prefer.

Thanks,

Make a great day!

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Subject: FW: Senate web site

Good Afternoon Ms. Murphy,

Per our conversation please forward this request to forward traffic from the old faculty senate website to the new one. See note below

<http://www.howard.edu/faculty/senate/> should go to <https://hufaculty.com>

Thanks!

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Outstanding. Thanks Ms. McDougall.

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Dr. Alfred,

I will follow up with Administration on the request.

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