

FS update 4.7.2020

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2020 Affiliate Trustee Election Statement Memo .pdf; 2020-FT-election.pdf;

Good evening Colleagues,

Just a brief update.

1. As many of your probably know, Dr. Frederick has indicated that the city has asked HU to potentially use its residence halls to increase beds from 185 to 444. Please let us know what you think of this idea in the Senate Forum? What should the recommendation of the faculty be?
2. The administration is forecasting a decline in revenue in the 4th quarter FY20 of \$33.9 million.
3. The Board's governance committee has requested that faculty trustee elections be postponed. Apparently the election would somehow disrupt the Board's discussion of governance issues. Please see attached (2020 Affiliate Trustee Election Statement Memo .pdf). The Council has sent the attached letter (Letter from CoC_April 6th 2020_v2 (1).pdf) in response.
4. Similarly, the Board stopped HU Communications from sending the CoC approved sample ballot of the Faculty Senate.
5. UNITE HERE represents food service workers at HU and around the country. They've asked the senate to sign on to a letter to be sent to HU leadership urging them to work with contractors to keep the workers paid. Let us know how we should respond - should we support them? Let us know your opinion in the Senate Forum.

In addition, if individual faculty would like to support them, they have an Action Network click-to-email action which you may use. They've asked us to also share the link with our networks. The link is here:

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/email-howard-university-demand-food-service-workers-receive-full-pay-and-health-benefits-while-laid-off-during-covid-19?source=direct_link&

6. We expect to have a steering committee and council meeting soon. We hope to have a form of a full senate meeting as well.

7. If you haven't done so please join the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), in order to bring back shared governance and academic freedom to Howard University we will need the help of

the national organization of our profession.

<https://www.aaup.org/membership/join>

Best,

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