

Faculty Trustees

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Good morning Dr. Morse,

I hope you are well. I submitted my questions for the forum, but they weren't answered. I'd like to ask again, since it has a direct impact on the direction the faculty will take.

Are current HU students and faculty going to be members of the unitary class of trustee? If so how will they be elected / selected?

If the answer is "no" they will not be, then I would strongly recommend the board restore the affiliate positions. While I am encouraged that the board acknowledged failing, it's clear that the removal of affiliate trustees is a reduction of shared governance at HU.

As you've probably read by now, to remove already established student and faculty trustee positions seems to be unheard of. Although faculty effectively cannot vote on any recommendations regarding this change until the fall, I'm pretty sure there will be condemnation of the board action and a strong recommendation to restore the affiliate trustee positions.

As I'd mentioned to the consultants and said before, we've documents (93 faculty handbook, Senate Constitution, College and School bylaws before recent changes) that provided adequate mechanisms for shared governance. It seems that when the board chooses not to use those mechanisms and/or refuses to follow the subsequent recommendations generated by those mechanisms that the board runs into trouble.

Sincerely,

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