**HSS College Faculty Council Meeting**

**April 12, 2016**

**11:00 am, Dean’s Conference Room**

**Minutes**

Attending: Dr. Chuck Aust, Dr. Stephen Collins, Dean Robin Dorff, Dr. Lynn Fedeli, Dr. Beth Giddens, Dr. Jeff Green (substituting for Dr. Jeanne Bohannon), Dr. Dorothy Marsil, Dr. LeeAnn Lands, Dr. Ernesto Silva, Dr. Jun Tu, Dr. Ken White.

 1. Minutes from March 8, 2016 meeting were approved.

 2. Dean Dorff: CHSS Update, Initiatives, Developments, Policies, Misc.

 a. Plans for professional advisors

 i. Dean Dorff explained that the initiative to bring in professional advisors does not include the establishment of a center. They will be dispersed campus-wide

 and will not be in one building or office. At this time it is not clear whether this will happen next year.

 b. Budget

 i. There is no news on the budget. Since there was no tuition increase, there will 7 – 8 million dollars less in the budget and also an increase in the cost of the employees’ health plan

 ii. Dean Dorff suggested that since it seems that higher education is not at the top of the list for legislators across the country, we should spend more time on finding resources rather than depending on the budget alone.

 c. Change in HHS Faculty Council interaction

 i. Dean Dorff expressed his hope that the HSSFC would function more as a strategic advisory committee to the Dean in the future. The committee should look for opportunities and bring ideas to the dean. Beth Giddens expressed

 the idea that the role of the committee in the past has been mostly reactive in

 that we hear about initiatives from the Dean and react to them.

3. CHSS bylaws revision

 i. Several questions were presented from different departments. They were discussed and either dismissed or it was decided to take them up later.

 ii. In ARTICLE IV – Voting, Section A., there was a change of language from “as well as on those that affect the college community as a whole” to “as determined by the dean in consultation with the CFC.”

 iii. There was a discussion about ARTICLE IV – Voting, Section b.

 It was suggested that Chairs and the Dean encourage faculty to vote and publicize college wide votes.

 iv. Discussion of Section B. College Chairs’ Council, d. Meetings, The

 Council emphasized the importance of Chairs informing faculty of relevant issues discussed in Chairs Council meetings in a timely fashion; language to this effect

 was inserted into the bylaws.

The remaining items on the April 12, 2016 agenda could not be addressed because of time constraints and will be moved forward to the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes by Lynn Fedeli