Minutes
HSS Faculty Senate Meeting
September 21, 2022
1:00 pm
155 Hodges
Acting President: Alan Baumeister

<u>Attendance:</u>
Alan Baumeister, Pres., Psychology

Claudia Sanford, World Languages

Matt Freeman, World Languages

Christina Armistead, English

Mark Walker, Sociology

Alecia Long - History

Election of officers:

Alan Baumeister volunteered to act as President

Alecia Long volunteered to act as Secretary

Christina Armistead volunteered to act as 1st VP/Fac Welfare & Policy chair

Claudia Sanford volunteered to act as 2nd VP/Teaching & Scholarship chair

Claudia Sanford raised issue regarding student evaluations of courses. Discussion ensued. Previous attempts to change the course evaluation processes were discussed.

Mark Walker asked about status of the senate's Instructor Compensation Initiative. Instructors received $2500 raise in addition to merit raise. The senate expressed gratitude to the Dean and Provost for the raise but noted that instructor compensation still falls far below that of peer universities. Baumeister agreed to draft a memo to the Dean urging additional increases.

Baumeister called attention to HSS Faculty Senate web site. College faculty are invited to contact their department representatives with issues. HSS Faculty Senate meeting are open to all college faculty

Matt Freeman noted his attendance as HSS Senate representative to the LSU Faculty Senate is an issue because of conflicts with his teaching schedule. Freeman will notify Baumeister in advance of meetings he cannot attend and a volunteer substitute will be requested.

Armistead/Walker initiated discussion of an apparent decline in student academic performance. The HSS Faculty Senate decided to study the issue. Senators are asked to think about the types of objective data that may be gathered to determine whether the perceived decline is real.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Alecia P. Long, HSS Senator -- History
Conveyed to HSS Senate President Baumeister via email 9/21 for review