

**Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly**  
**April 28, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

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**I. Call to Order**

The Assembly was called to order by Dean Jo Ann Cruz at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011 in Room 332 of Bobet Hall. Attended: Adams, B. Anderson, Bednarz, Bell, Berendzen, Biguenet, Blundell, Bourgeois, Brice, Brungardt, Butler, Cahill, Calzada (Tucci's proxy), Chambers, Cook, DeGifis, Dewell, Doll, Dupuis, Egejuru, Ethridge, Ewell, Fernandez, Gerlich, Hoffman, Hymel, Kelly, Keulman, Koplitz, Kornovich, Lewis (Brazier's proxy), Li, Mabe, Matei, McCay, Melancon, Moazami, Moore, Mui, Nielsen, Nystrom, Quesada, Rodriguez, Rogers, Rosenbecker, Saxton, Schaberg, Sebastian, Spence, Spevack, Thum, Yakich, Zucker, and Associate Dean Hunt.

**II. Invocation**

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Robert Gerlich, S.J.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of April 14, 2011 were approved as written.

**IV. Announcements**

1. Exam schedules should be adhered to as published; exams may not be given on a Study Day; Provost Kvet will send reminders to faculty.
2. The *Magazin Istoric Foundation* awarded Dr. Bernard Cooke's "The United States of America and Romania: Diplomatic Relations 1912-1919" the *Grigore Gafencu Prize* for the best book on Romanian diplomatic history in 2010.
3. Dr. Pinchas Giller will present "Beyond Kabbalah: Recent Trends in the Study of Jewish Mysticism" on April 28 at 5:00 pm at Tulane's Hillel House.
4. Crawfish boil after the Honors Convocation on May 13 will be free to all faculty and staff, as an opportunity to meet students and their families.
5. AAUP Chapter's meeting date of Friday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. was discussed by Dr. Connie Rodriguez. She urged faculty to attend as their opportunity to express views regarding a probable decision to recommend censure removal. Dr. Maria Calzada suggested that faculty see the University Senate's site to review posted minutes, reports and letter from President Wildes. Dr. Barbara Ewell said that she will forward the University Senate's statement on the removal of censure to Ms. Annie Goldman for electronic distribution to HNS faculty.
6. FERPA article: "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: Seven Myths and the Truth," by Steven J. McDonald, was distributed by Dean Cruz to HNS faculty via email on April 27; she said additional copies were available in her office.

**V. Old Business**

The order of business was revised so that the published motions could be heard before the anticipated early departure of the Department of History.

1. Motion as introduced April 14, 2011 (Dr. Mark Fernandez):  
"Unanimously Approved Resolution from the CPT (April 11, 2011) *The CPT is aware that annual reports for certain interdisciplinary programs were not requested over the past several years. The CPT encourages current directors to assemble whatever information is*

*currently available for the most recent years. In the 2010-2011 annual report they should include data for the past years as available. Retrospective presentation of data should not be construed as a substitute for any missing assessment data. The Provost's office should provide summer stipends to the minor directors for this work."*

Dr. Fernandez presented background. The floor was opened for discussion. There was none. Move to call the question and move to vote were made and seconded. Final vote on the motion was by voice, with all in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions heard. Dean Cruz announced that the motion unanimously passed and would be sent to the Provost.

2. Motion as provisionally approved March 17, 2011 (Dr. Maria Calzada):

Dr. Calzada asked whether or not the assembly vote should be taken, as the University Senate would be voting on committee representation that afternoon. Consensus favored voting on the motion currently before the assembly.

Dr. Rosenbecker, Parliamentarian, ruled that Dr. Calzada could amend the provisionally-approved motion ahead of a final vote. The motion was amended to delete "SCAP" and insert "on committees."

Amended motion: *"The Assembly of the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences endorses the Hill-Huntington representation method. Further, the college asks that the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee consider the apportionment suggested by the Hill-Huntington method to determine faculty representation on committees."*

Dr. Calzada explained that three representational methods showed that HuNS should have four representatives, while other colleges should have one. She gave the current representation as: HuNS 4, SS 2, and Others 1 each. She reported that deliberations by the Faculty Handbook Committee had required three meetings to reach the compromise. She said that the College of Music and Fine Arts issued a minority report, also favored by Vice Provost Voigt, to limit representation to one per college. She said the University Senate may have seen the minority report ahead of their anticipated vote that day. Several faculty members cited proportional representation as the norm in academic institutions and assembly bodies. Others described serving on University committees and finding that most HuNS faculty and students had been effectively disenfranchised. Faculty expressed determination to protect faculty and students from disenfranchisement and urged committee participation and advocacy for proportional representation. Move to call the question was seconded and passed. Move to vote on the question was seconded. Vote on the amended motion was passed by show of hands, with results announced by Dean Cruz as unanimous in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

## **VI. Reports**

1. Operating Budgets -- Dean JoAnn Cruz distributed a handout (copy attached) showing 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 operating budgets and spending rates. She said she was assisted by Dr. Maria Calzada. Dean Cruz explained the effective budgetary decreases caused by increased demands (e.g., unfunded initiatives). She reported that the college's funds were depleted last year by March and this year by January, necessitating her going twice to the Provost and using some money from the college-specific Annual Fund initiative (reportedly \$30,000-\$40,000 raised by HuNS). Several faculty members were concerned that annual giving by alumni would not be college-specific in the current campaign. Dean Cruz said that Provost Kvet would reevaluate generalized giving after the campaign. Meanwhile, she suggested building up departmental gift accounts. Dean Cruz said the Council of Deans had recommended that underfunded colleges such as HuNS receive increased budgetary consideration. Dr. Calzada displayed slides showing budgets across colleges (copy attached)

and described her on-going work with Ms. Cynthia Caire to assemble data and determine its accuracy. Associate Dean Hunt questioned their rationale for a lower budget for HuNS, given that the college has the highest FTEs, services students across the university, and has the highest number of incoming students and retentions. The university usually makes equitable % increases across the board – she said a changed formula is needed to lift HuNS. Dr. Mark Fernandez suggested that after actual figures are determined by Dr. Calzada, the assembly and CPT should request a commitment to 5-year differentials to amounts spent in other colleges. Dean Cruz said they are looking at various ways to increase the operating budget. Faculty credited Dean Cruz and Dr. Calzada with persistence, and thanked Dr. Calzada for continuing to pursue actual figures on behalf of HuNS. (*Applause.*)

2. Council of Deans re Interdisciplinary Studies -- Dean Cruz said that she and Social Sciences Dean Luis Miron had lobbied to increase support and provide incentives for the programs and to have them sit in the colleges. She read excerpts from the position paper presented by the Council of Deans. She said that the interdisciplinary programs need to structure themselves and have self-governance rather than an agenda set by the Vice Provost. She said the \$83,000 budget for a director could be distributed and an administrative assistant provided.
3. University Senate Updates from the Dean – Dean Cruz reported several items: President Wildes had announced that funding would go forward to renovate Monroe Hall; part of the Broadway Campus would be renovated to house upperclassmen; construction was scheduled to be completed by 2015; a masters program in Religious Studies needs to move forward; investment in computer science is necessary; Walker Percy Center funding needs to be provided; and students’ conference and research funding needs to be provided.
4. Advising Initiatives and DPCLs for the Revised Common Curriculum -- Associate Dean Judith Hunt said that the revised guidelines would soon be posted online. She invited faculty to participate in June orientation and thanked faculty for advising students. She reported that by April 18, 2011 registrations had increased 23% over the previous year. Faculty asked whether advising could be retained in the colleges rather than in a central office or Center for Advising and Retention. Associate Dean Hunt observed that none of the deans want centralized advising and that HuNS had been great at advising.

## **VII. Other Business**

1. Bulletin Boards for Course Offerings – A faculty member requested that improved display areas be proposed for posters.

## **VIII. Move to Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Attachments

**I. HNS Operating Budgets for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011:**

	Aug. 2009	Feb. 2010	Aug. 2010	Jan. 18 2011
<b>Dean's Office</b>				
Computers	\$52,200	\$6,212	\$52,200	\$0
Faculty Travel	\$75,000	\$3,000	\$75,000	\$2,625
Unallocated Budget	\$20,354	\$19,096	\$20,354	\$15,737
Dean Operating Budget	\$42,127	\$10,964	\$42,127	\$3,267
<b>Total Dean's Office</b>	<b>\$189,681</b>		<b>\$189,681</b>	
<b>Departments and Centers</b>	<b>\$163,900</b>		<b>\$166,150</b>	
<b>HNS Operating Pool</b>	<b>\$353,581</b>		<b>\$355,831</b>	

The operating pool for the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences for 2009-2010 was \$353,581, with two new items not included previously--the New Orleans Review (\$10,800) and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (\$21,000), which was added as a '09-'10 initiative. This budget resulted after a 10% reduction of \$36,509 when compared to the 2008-2009 budget. The dean distributed \$163,900 to departments and centers budgets, including \$25,000 for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center and \$10,800 for the New Orleans Review. The remaining \$189,681 was distributed as follows: \$52,200 was dedicated to computers, \$75,000 to faculty conference travel, and \$20,354 in unallocated monies (to be dedicated to Bobet Fellowships). The remaining funds of \$42,127 represent the Dean's Office operating budget. The 2009-2010 budget was the result of an overall 28% operating budget cut-back between 2005 and 2010. A review of the ten departmental budgets in Arts and Sciences that remain in HNS from 2004, compared with the current budgets, shows a 38% drop in funding at the departmental levels since 2004.

1-18-2011

11:02 a.m.

<b>2009F</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Faculty Salaries</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>FT Fac</b>	<b>FTEFAC</b>	<b>Other/FTFac</b>	<b>Other/FTE Fac</b>	<b>08-09 percent change</b>
HuNs	\$7,534,800	\$6,611,200	\$923,600	104	120	\$8,881	\$7,697	-23.2%
SS	\$5,541,200	\$3,813,800	\$1,727,400	46	64.5	\$37,552	\$26,781	-3.4%
BU	\$4,061,100	\$3,162,200	\$898,900	31	35.3	\$28,997	\$25,465	7.5%
MA	\$4,242,300	\$3,418,800	\$823,500	44	71.4	\$18,716	\$11,534	0.1%
Law	\$7,399,800	\$5,470,300	\$1,929,500	37	44.9	\$52,149	\$42,973	-25.7%
University	\$28,779,200	\$22,476,300	\$6,302,900	262	336.1	\$24,057	\$18,753	-14.8%
SS*	\$3,729,500	\$2,467,100	\$1,262,400	30	40.3	\$42,080	\$31,325	104.3%
*No LIM or Nursing								
SS***	\$3,464,400	\$2,260,800	\$1,203,600	26	35.6	\$46,292	\$33,809	123.5%
** No LIM, Nursing or CNSL								
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HuNS	\$7,003,600	\$5,895,300	\$1,108,300	98	110.6	\$11,309	\$10,021	
SS	\$4,871,900	\$3,070,700	\$1,801,200	41	65	\$43,932	\$27,711	
BU	\$3,516,500	\$2,822,400	\$694,100	27	29.3	\$25,707	\$23,689	
MA	\$3,478,200	\$2,702,500	\$775,700	38	67.3	\$20,413	\$11,526	
LAW	\$6,597,800	\$4,268,500	\$2,329,300	38	40.3	\$61,297	\$57,799	
University	\$25,936,700	\$19,061,400	\$6,875,300	242	312.5	\$28,410	\$22,001	
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SS*	\$2,708,800	\$2,109,400	\$599,400	27	39.1	\$22,200	\$15,330	
*No LIM or Nursing								
SS**	\$2,418,700.0	\$1,883,100.0	\$535,600	25	35.4	\$21,424	\$15,130	
** No LIM, Nursing or CNSL								

<b>2009F</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eqv stu 12</b>	<b>Other/ Eqv stu 12</b>	<b>08-09 Percent Change</b>	<b>Eqv st 12 tuition***</b>
HuNs	\$923,600	1859.9	\$497	-22%	\$26,038,600
SS	\$1,727,400	1,029.20	\$1,678	-11%	\$14,408,800
BU	\$898,900	545.1	\$1,649	31%	\$7,631,400
MA	\$823,500	599.9	\$1,373	-10%	\$8,398,600
Law	\$1,929,500	887.8	\$2,173	-21%	
University	\$6,302,900	4921.9	\$1,281		\$48,490,400
SS*	\$1,262,400	506.3	\$2,493		\$7,088,200
*No LIM or Nursing					
SS***	\$1,203,600	458.7	\$2,624		\$6,421,800
** No LIM, Nursing or CNSL					
*** Eqv. Student times estimated tuition of \$14,000					
<b>2008F</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Eqv stu 12</b>	<b>Other/ Eqv stu 12</b>		
HuNS	\$1,108,300	1731.8	\$640		
SS	\$1,801,200	951.9	\$1,892		
BU	\$694,100	551.8	\$1,258		
MA	\$775,700	511.3	\$1,517		
LAW	\$2,329,300	847.6	\$2,748		
University	\$6,875,300	4594.4	\$1,496		