

**Faculty Senate Business Meeting
April 23, 2018**

Members present: Douglas Airhart, Deborah Ballou, Jason Beach, Tammy Boles, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Andrew Callender, Corinne Darvennes, Ahmed ElSawy, Billye Foster, Steven Frye, Stuart Gaetjens, Mark Groundland, David Hajdik, Paula Hinton, Steve Idem, Christy Killman, David Larimore, Regina Lee, Jane Liu, Lori Maxwell, Tony Michael, Holly Mills, Members absent: Ide S. An (m), Jeff R. York, Debra A. Shaw, Troy Smith, Sandi Smith-Andrews, Holly Stretz and Jeremy Wendt

Members absent:

hiring process

d. Communication Department Repositioning

Dr. Scott Christen was present to briefly explain the desire to reposition the Communication Department under the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, and rename it the School of Communication. This was a faculty-led decision. Dean Gotcher is willing to help this department grow and move forward. Dr. Christen said the entire department voted on this in February. Both Dean Semmes and Dean Gotcher are on board with this proposal.

A question was raised as to why they are emphasizing their classes as social sciences in a

, and what role it may play in this plan.

Old Business

a. University Faculty Meeting

There is a University Faculty meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, April 25 at 3:35 PM in the Derryberry Auditorium. Senate President Killman urged all Senators to encourage their colleagues to attend, as there will be voting for at-large members on both councils. Provost Bruce will be running the meeting.

b. Gender Discrimination

Senator Larimore asked what we are going to do with the information presented last initiate a process. Senator Stretz said she remembers seeing a report based on CUPA data,

Other Such Matters

