

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

CHSS Faculty Assembly

November 30, 2022



Call to Order

Deferral of approval of minutes from Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (5 minutes)

3:05-3:30: Announcements

From the Dean

From the Chair

3:05-3:30: New Business

Committee reports

Curriculum committee report (Dr Lisa Breglia)

Intellectual life committee report (Dr Sun-Young Park)

Term faculty affairs committee update (Dr David Corwin)

Other committee reports

Request for Workshop on CHSS/University budget model (Dr Tim Gibson)

Addendum regarding space allocation in Horizon Hall <[Link to report](#)> (Dr Zach Schrag)

4:15: Comments for the Good of the Faculty

4:15: Adjournment

Deferral of approval of minutes
(pending installation of Secretary)

November 21, 2022

Announcements from the Dean



CHSS Faculty Assembly

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Dean's Remarks



College of Humanities
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Agenda

- CHSS theme for the year: re-calibration
- Provost's theme for the year: opportunities for “shared services, shared people, shared programs”
- 2022-23 CHSS shared governance refinement projects – updates
- Save the dates
- Mason's current Carnegie classification; ACE/Carnegie reclassification project

AY 2022-23 CHSS shared governance refinement projects - updates

1. Develop local academic unit workload guidelines

Workload Workshop Series: Representatives from each department/program met in August to review new guidelines and to establish a learning community to lead LAU work.

Additional workshops scheduled for December 8 and February (TBD).

2. College bylaws changes

- CHSS RPT committee constituted in entirety or majority by full professors? (Provost has requested consideration)
- CHSS representation on Mason Chairs Forum executive committee and election process – update needed to CHSS Faculty Assembly Chairs and Directors Committee charge

3. Term Faculty Affairs Committee: developing term faculty promotion guidelines

4. Research Center review for re-chartering/chartering (Resources and Long-Term Planning Committee)

- AbuSulayman Center for Global Islamic Studies
- Center for Social Science Research
- Center for Mason Legacies
- Institute for Immigration Research
- Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy
- Watershed Lit: Center for Literary Engagement and Publishing Practice

For a complete listing of current CHSS-chartered research centers, see:

<https://chss.gmu.edu/research/chss-research-centers>

For a complete listing of University institutes and research centers, see:

<https://www2.gmu.edu/research/institutes-and-centers>

5. Begin consideration of updates to CHSS RPT guidelines

“Bottom-up” process for considering substantive updates:

Who: working group

- Focus group work with constituents + research on national peer practices

Possible scope of work “themes”:

- elimination of book-based vs. article-based discipline distinction?
- refinement of collaborative authorship guidelines?
- consideration of born-digital scholarly projects and peer review processes?
- consideration of Spring ‘21 editorial work survey results;
- DEI and community-based research?
- public humanities research, scholarship, and creative activity

Proposed timeline: Spring ‘23 “discovery process”

Fall ‘23 engagement of standing RPT committee

Spring ‘24 - first review by Faculty Assembly at first mtg

Spring ‘24 - presentation for vote at 2nd mtg

AY 2024-25 implementation



Save the dates:

12/1

BOV meeting – and release of University Strategic Plan after BOV approval

12/8

LAU workload guidelines workshop

January '23 – date/time still TBD

University Finances and Budget Incentive Model workshop, Deb Dickenson and Kim Dight

2/15

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5/3

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Mason's current Carnegie classification – R1 (Very High Research)

- 4-year or above
- Public
- Student population: 35,984 (Fall 2017)
- Doctoral university/very high research activity [awards at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees and has at least \$5M in total research expenditures (NSF HERD Survey)]
- Balanced arts & sciences/professions
- High graduate coexistence
- Research doctoral: comprehensive; no medical/veterinary school
- Enrollment profile: high undergraduate
- Undergraduate profile: four-year, full-time, more selective; higher transfer-in
- Size and setting: four-year, large, primarily residential [25-49% live on campus OR 50+% attend full-time]

<https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/>

ACE/Carnegie reclassification project (release in 2024):

<https://www.acenet.edu/News-Room/Pages/Carnegie-Classifications-Teams-Experts.aspx>

Announcements from the Chair

Incoming Vice-Chair of the Faculty Assembly Executive

Dr Cortney Hughes Rinker

Director of the Global Affairs Program
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Incoming Secretary of the Faculty Assembly Executive

Dr Deborah Rupp

Professor, Department of Psychology

New Business

Committee Reports

Curriculum committee

Dr Lisa Breglia

Curriculum Committee I

CHSS College Requirement

Social and Behavioral Science

Social and behavioral science: 3 credits in addition to the university-wide requirement in social and behavioral science for a total of 6 credits. The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GLOA, GOVT, HIST (except HIST 100 History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) or HIST 125 Introduction to World History (Mason Core)), INTS, LING, PSYC, SOCI, or WGST, and select courses in GGS (COS). The CHSS College Curriculum committee reserves the right to exclude courses from any of the approved prefixes which do not meet the basic parameters of the social and behavioral sciences. These include but are not limited to inclusion of the following learning outcomes: 1) Explain how individuals, groups or institutions are influenced by contextual factors; 2) Demonstrate awareness of changes in social and cultural constructs; 3) Use appropriate methods and resources to apply social and behavioral science concepts, terminology, principles and theories in the analysis of significant human issues, past or present..

Curriculum Committee II

CHSS College Requirement

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many excellent courses available at Mason to broaden their educational experience or strengthen their background; however, some credits earned may not satisfy any degree requirements. A [maximum of 3](#) credits of [Military Science \(MLSC\) or Recreation \(RECR\)](#) coursework may be taken to satisfy the degree requirements of any CHSS major, and these courses will be applied toward a student's general electives. Whenever there is uncertainty, students must consult with an academic advisor in their department.

Qualifying CLEP credits may apply to a degree in the College of Humanities and Social Science if those credits were awarded and reported prior to matriculation at Mason. After matriculation, students are limited to taking and applying credits for the CLEP exam in "Information Systems & Computer Applications". Students with a qualifying score on this exam will be awarded credit for IT 104T. Students receiving credit for IT 104T, who are subject to a prior catalog year, must still meet the university Information Technology ethics requirement. The Office of Admissions will continue to evaluate transfer credit for CLEP exams for new students applying to the University. A student must submit a study elsewhere and receive prior approval before taking "Information Systems & Computer Applications". Current students should contact their CHSS academic advisor with any questions regarding CLEP credit.

Intellectual life committee

Dr Sun-Young Park

Intellectual Life Committee I

CHSS Faculty Public Writing Series:

Planning Your Winter Break Writing Workflow

Friday, December 9th, 11am ; Zoom link sent to those who RSVP

In this hour-long session, we foreshadow our spring '23 "public writing" workgroups with a session open to all faculty writers. Join us to set goals, build an action plan, discuss selfcare/workflow balance, and adopt (sane) productivity methods. Meet colleagues across the college, share your strategies for writing, and hear about our synchronous and asynchronous support for faculty public writing in spring '23.

Facilitators:

Rashmi Sadana, Sociology and Anthropology,

MichelleLaFrance, English/Writing and Rhetoric

To RSVP, please email: mలాfran2@gmu.edu

Intellectual Life Committee II

CHSS faculty lunch with Dean Ardis

Monday, December 12th, 12-1pm

Blackstone Room, Southside Dining Hall

We welcome you to wind down the semester over a (free) lunch with Dean Ardis and other CHSS colleagues. Please respond to jflinn@gmu.edu if you would like to attend, with “Dean's lunch” as the subject.



Term faculty affairs committee

Dr David Corwin

Governance and nominations committee

Dr Ted Dumas

Outcome of CHSS elections

Governance and Nominations Committee: Dr Steven Barnes (History)
Grievance Committee: Dr Iccha Basnyat (GLOA)

Request for workshop on CHSS/University budget model

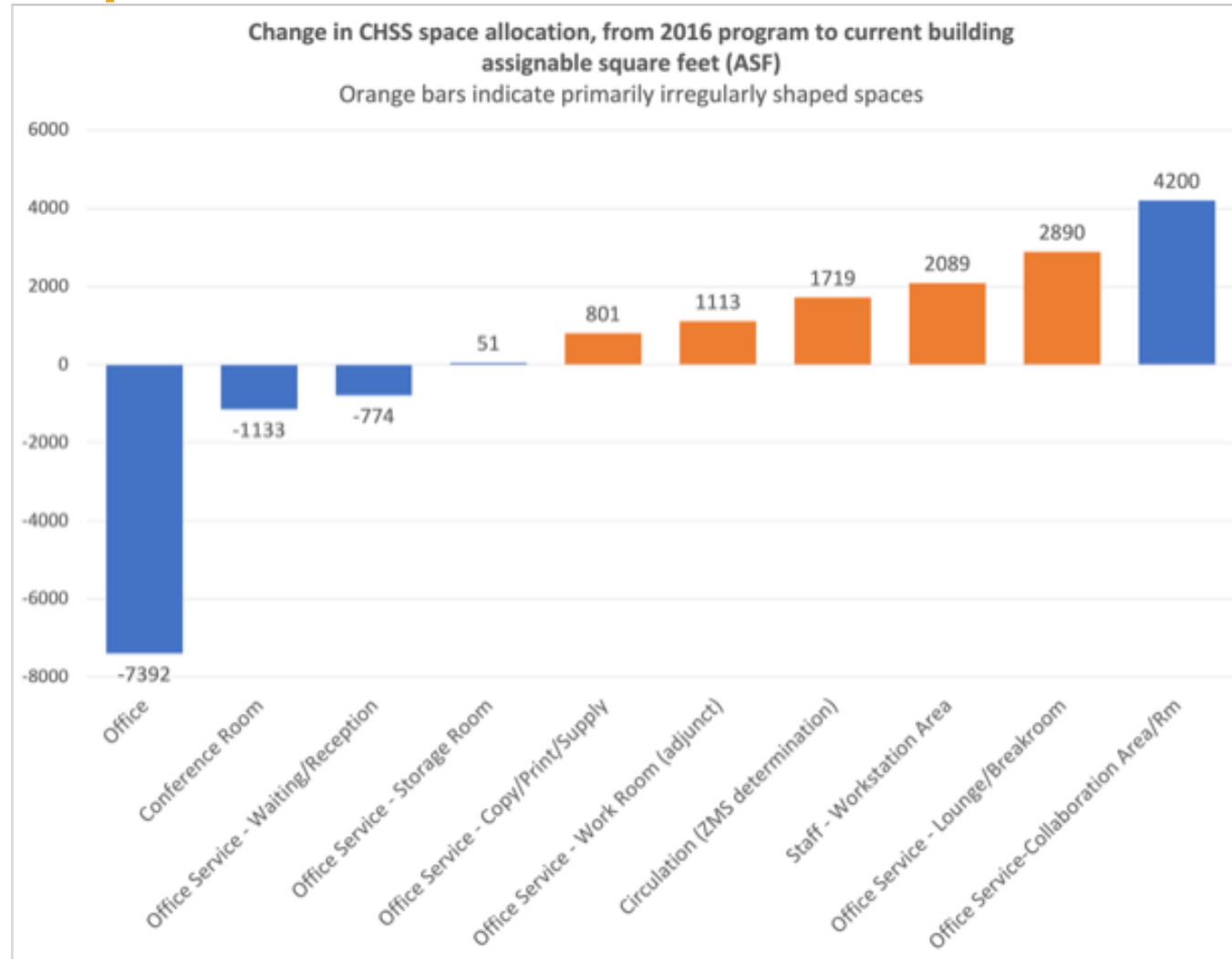
Dr Tim Gibson

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[Link to report](#)

Space allocation in Horizon Hall



2022-2023 Faculty Assembly Meetings

Wednesday, September 21: 3:00pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday, November 30: 3:00pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday, February 15: 3:00pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday, May 3: 3:00pm – 4:15pm

Comments for the Good of the Faculty

Adjournment
