



*College of Humanities and Social Science*  
*Chair Meeting Minutes*

September 22, 2015

**I. Call to order**

Dean Jim McDonald called to order the regular meeting of the Chairs at 3:03 p.m. on September 22, 2015 at HSS Conference Room.

**II. Attendance**

Jacqueline Russell took attendance and the following persons were present: Dean Jim McDonald, Elise Leahy, Art Challis, Britt Mace, Jessica Tvordi, Mark Miller, Matt Barton, Ravi Roy, Brian Fullerton, and Jacqueline Russell.

**III. New business**

**A.** Introduction of Brian Fullerton: Brian works with testing, career counseling, and connecting interests to backgrounds. He has worked in Career and Professional Development Office since August, and spent 4 years at Upward Bound before that. Students come to him and believe that there are not jobs in certain majors and he explains to each that a broad foundation has a higher pinnacle. He administers certain tests like Holland Codes that are interest based (hands on, artistic, people, business, high structure, etc) to ascertain how to focus students on possible majors/careers. Most want to work with people but they do not know what it means. He also administers Meyers Briggs testing that identifies student preferences and has worked with his office to develop their own questions. He explained that many preferences lead to humanities. Another test he uses is Strengths Quest, which focuses on the strengths of students and he uses his time with students to explain that they need a tactical approach to their education. He is exploring the possibility of having an interviewing course as part of the curriculum, and having a day of each 1010 course spent discussing potential careers for that major. When the student is narrowed down, Brian tries to get them information on someone to talk to and a career plan. Orientation can be overwhelming, but he gives a presentation for freshman about how to set themselves up for success

a. A link to the Career Site will be added to the new HSS website.

**B.** SANS is still in use on campus and will be maintained throughout this academic year. The system will eventually go away. The systems can be used for both positive and negative. Concerns do not have to be academic and it can be for positive feedback as well. It is also a way to intervene when students are having personal or academic issues.

- C. Elise is organizing a team for Reflections. Janet Borg from Advancement is going to help with content in an effort to help re-engage students and fundraise. Students are the writers and outline will be by design team (Jenn Burt, Elise Leahy, Janet Borg, and Jacqueline Russell). Possible topics include interesting stories of former students, events in the departments.
- D. Speaker Series has been taken on as a responsibility of the Associate Dean. Janet Borg is working with us and Business to help with Speaker Series. Possible speakers include people who are alumni who can come speak to students, mentor, and can tie past with future. How many speakers do we want to have this year? Prophets Pray, a 7 year investigation on Warren Jeffs, could be interesting to SUU because he is an SUU alumni and made a successful documentary. He is also a bestselling author who wrote about the history of the church. This is relevant to the college because it relates to CJ, policy, history, women's topic. He has expressed an interest in coming to SUU to talk about it. Janet would write a humanities quick grant and we could look at January for a speaker date.
- E. FSSF discussion (\$1500 cap per person for the year): We need to calculate the amount for the year for each applicant to ensure that it does not exceed the limit.

#### **IV. Roundtable**

- A. Students are going away for a week for Jumpstart, and guest speakers need to be lined up to cover any classes the traveling faculty will miss. Jumpstart trip will be from Oct 4-14. Bryce Christensen will be acting Chair in Jessica's absence. Someone will be attending the Chair's meeting from English that week.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Dean Jim McDonald adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jacqueline Russell

Minutes approved by: Jim McDonald