**Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting**

**College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

**August 30, 2016 – Beckwith Recital Hall**

Dean Kent Sandstrom called the Town Hall meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

*Announcements*

* College Picnic – Wednesday September 7 – 5:30 PM, Oak Grove Park – The College will provide soda, meat, and a meat alternative.
* Dean’s office staffing for the fall semester – Nancy Nelson has left NDSU to pursue another employment opportunity. The hiring freeze has prevented the Dean’s Office from filling the vacated position. Administrative assistants within AHSS have assisted with various duties which has been a great help to the dean’s office.
* AHSS distinguished alumni nominations are due September 10.
* The Honors Day Reception will be Friday September 30 – the deadline for scholarship information for the program is September 15.
* AHSS outstanding educator award nominations are due September 2.

*Introduction of New Faculty and Administrators (fall hires who were present at the meeting)*

* Center for Social Research – Dr. Nancy Hodur, Director
* Communication – Dr. Robert Mejia, Assistant Professor of Communication
* Sociology/Anthropology – Dr. Julia Kowalski, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

*Budget Discussion*

* The dean introduced the members of the AHSS Budget Advisory Group and delineated the charge they were given.
* The dean presented and discussed Power Point slides regarding the college’s budget situation, which can be viewed by clicking on the following icon:



* After the slideshow, the dean addressed questions regarding the budget situation from those who attended. Some of the faculty present also shared suggestions pertaining to the budget. These suggestions will be incorporated into the input being solicited by the Budget Advisory Group.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Alvarez, Secretary