

Official Minutes
Henderson State University Faculty Senate
January 12, 2022

Senators present - Brian George, Carly Cate, Carolyn Jester, Carrie Flora, Catherine Leach, Connie Phelps, Deepak Pant, Dever Norman, Fred Worth, Holly Cothren, James Engman, Jane Adams, Janna Lock, Jonathon Barranco, Margo Duvall (alternate for Aaron Calvert), Mark Mosser, Matt Breece, Matt Gross, Megan Hickerson, Richard Miller, Sally Crain, Shannon Wittig, Shari Valentine, Steve Adkison, Victoria Ellison

Guests present - Christopher Golston, Cindy Dillavou, Jack Higginbotham, John Price, Katherine Strause, Lacy Wolfe, Lim Angela Tchoi, Patti Poblete, Ruth Eyres, TaLisha Givan, Thomas Copeland, W Holt, Willica Morgan

Dr James Engman called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

Presidents report - Dr James Engman had a limited report due to only meeting with Chancellor Ambrose briefly. But Dr Ambrose did give a preview of what would be discussed during the January 13 campus conversation and strongly encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

Prior to position elections, Dr Engman gave brief descriptions of the positions.

President-elect - After a motion and second, Dr Dever Norman was elected by acclamation.

Secretary - After a motion and a second, Dr Fred Worth was elected by acclamation.

Webmaster-elect - After a motion and a second, Dr Shannon Wittig was elected by acclamation.

Parliamentarian - Ms Catherine Leach was appointment.

Webmaster - Dr Janna Lock, last year's webmaster-elect, assumes the position.

Representative to the graduate council - After a motion and a second, Dr Megan Hickerson was elected unanimously.

Representative to the board of trustees - After a motion and a second, Dr Shari Valentine elected by acclamation.

Representative to the staff senate - After a motion and a second, Ms Sally Crain was elected unanimously.

Dr Engman gave a brief description of the various committee responsibilities and instructed senators to send an email to him listing their ranked preferences for committee assignments. He asked that he receive those by the end of the day on January 13.

Report from Board of Trustees - see addendum 1

New Business

1. Dr Engman mentioned an inconsistency in the by-laws regarding the way the Buildings and Grounds committee is populated and how other temporary committees are populated. After some discussion, Dr Engman sent the issue to the operations/handbook committee.

2. There was some discussion of possible formats for upcoming meetings.

After a motion and a second, the following was approved unanimously.

Resolution - The February meeting of the faculty senate will be held solely in zoom.

After a motion, second and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 pm.

Addendum 1

Memorandum from Dr. Holly Cothren, Faculty Senate Representative to the Trustees
Re: Board of Trustees Meeting 12/3/2021

Notes:

Call to order at 10:00.

Dr. Welch introduced Jerry Morgan as the new Trustee, native of Harrisburg.

Neal Crowson was elected as the new secretary.

September 10, 2021 minutes were approved.

President's Report:

Dr. Welch offered condolences to Shane Broadway on the passing of his mother. He offered concern for Chancellor West's mother who is ill. There was a moment of silence.

He announced that Kelly Damphouse was named to the NCAA Board of Directors.

COVID – He expressed that we were hopeful and that things were better but to watch the Omicron variant. He said it may be a different kind of spring.

He mentioned that the system was going to be more collaborative and share more services which is more strategic. He talked of the HSU human resources and payroll moving to a system management model. He said that HSU will compensate the system but there will still be a net savings. He said that the payroll employees were re-assigned to open positions.

Chancellor's Report:

Dr. Welch introduced Dr. Chuck Ambrose. He said he was two weeks on the job.

Dr. Ambrose said that he appreciates the invitation to become a part of the community, and that he was humbled. He also mentioned how much he appreciates the hospitality shown to him.

He said the Reddie Spirit is real, purposeful, and forward-facing.

He said he is excited about the history, heritage, purpose, and mission.

As far as systemic, structural changes are concerned, he said we will be realistic about where we are. We will be looking at how to re-define normal.

Positives that he mentioned:

Safety Protocols

TRIO program is extraordinary.

Friday, December 10 is graduation.

Dr. Welch mentioned Dr. LeeAnn Perkins and recognized her for the work she did with the benefits consolidation.

Resolutions:

Approve HSU resolution concerning Sodexo selling and serving alcoholic beverages on the HSU campus.

10:52 – Retired to executive session

11:39 – Back in session

Academic appointments and Non-Academic Appointments were approved for HSU

Election of officers effective January 1, 2022

Christy Clark – Chairperson

Price Gardner – Vice-Chairperson

Neal Crowson – Secretary

Adjourn 11:00