

Faculty Senate Minutes of the May 5 2021 Meeting via Zoom

Senators present: Adkison, Copeland, Ellison, Engman, George, Givan, Gross, Harrison, Mosser, Poblette, Tchoi, Warren, Worth, Zamani **Correction: add Loos**

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM by Senate President Dr. TaLisha Givan.

President's report:

- We are waiting for more information on the budget. It will go through the ASU system.
- Another academic review is anticipated.
- Dual sign-in with Banner is a requirement of the system.

Committee Reports

- Operations and Handbook Committee:
 - Changes voted on this semester have been forwarded to Connie Testa. From there, they will go to Board of Trustees for approval, or sent back to the Senate.

This should be corrected to read: "Changes voted on this semester have been forwarded to Connie Testa. She will compile a draft of the Faculty Handbook with these changes and send it to the Provost/VCAA and the Chancellor for their review."
- Board of Trustees Representative:
 - Next Board meeting will be June 3 on the HSU campus.
- Executive committee: No report.
- Academics Committee: No report.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee:
 - New description of this committee's responsibilities proposed updated on the Senate website, to be in agreement with the description in the Senate Constitution. "The Building and Grounds Committee is charged with investigating issues relating to the accessibility, safety, and aesthetics of the university's buildings and grounds. Recommendations from the Committee for addressing such issues may be taken to the Faculty Senate for approval and endorsement." Passed unanimously.
 - Physical plant has informed us that recycling on campus had been reinstated.
 - Wheelchair ramp at Garrison has been repaired.
 - Discussion of flooding and other infrastructure issues on campus were discussed.
- Finance Committee: No report.
- Procedures Committee:
 - In the future, the Procedures Committee will be handling elections "in house."
 - Resolution from the Senate: "The Faculty Senate would like to thank Wrenette Tedder for her kindness and help in lending her technical expertise to the running of faculty Senate elections. We greatly appreciate her willingness to do something outside of her

areas of responsibilities when others did not have the necessary technical expertise.”
Passed unanimously.

- Shared Governance Committee: No report.
- Representative to the Graduate Council: No report.

Unfinished Business

- Proposed resolution: “The Faculty Senate of Henderson State University strongly supports the implementation of a 2021-2022 Academic Theme (Pilgrimage: a Transformational Journey).” Seconded. Passed, with one “no” vote.
- Discussion regarding concerns over the confidentiality, or lack thereof, in reporting to “Person of Concern.” When alerted to the concerns, Dr. Brad Patterson contacted Dr. Nikki Laird (Chair of the Person of Concern Committee). They reported back to Dr. Givan that the situation of lack of confidentiality should not have happened, has been addressed, and should not happen again. They requested that any future concerns are to be brought to Dr. Patterson’s attention.

New Business

- Discussion of need for an election for a replacement of the Senate Secretary position.
- Discussion of need for an election for Webmaster-Elect position.
- Election for both positions will be held in the fall.
- Regarding timing of this year’s course evaluations was discussed by Ms. Jennifer Holbrook. Initially, the end date for evaluations to be submitted extended beyond finals. There was a miscommunication regarding timing, and evaluations were closed as soon as that was discovered. The situation should not arise again.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

James Engman, filling in as secretary.