

Minutes of the September 1, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting via Zoom

Senators present: Cothren, Ellison, Engman, Farmer, Givan, George, Gross, Lock, Miller, Mosser, Poblete, Tchoi, Valentine, Wittig, Worth, Zmaannipour

- 1 Call to Order (3:15 PM)
- 2 Approval of minutes: May minutes (Motion and second. Approved unanimously.)
- 3 ASU President Dr. Charles Welch, on the search for a permanent HSU Chancellor
Dr. Welch spent approximately one hour and twenty minutes discussing numerous topics regarding HSU's current and potential future situation, and addressed questions posed by senators. He invited anyone to contact him with further questions at cwelch@asusystem.edu. This email will send messages only to him.
- 4 President's Report (See below)
5. Motion to suspend rules and move to new business, and second. Unanimously approved.
 - a. Need for a replacement Senate Secretary. Motion to elect Dr, Shari Valentine by acclamation. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Need for a Webmaster-elect. Dr. Janna Lock elected by acclamation and second. Unanimously approved.
 - c. Motion to elect new members to the Institutional Review Board, David Evans (Ellis Collece), Dr. Xiu Xiu (School of Business), Mr. Christopher Todd and Dr. Judy Jenkins (both Teachers College) and second. Unanimously approved.
- 5 Report of committees*
 - a. Operations and Handbook Committee
Report: Changes suggested by the committee last summer have been submitted to the ASU legal team. Once their review is complete, they will send any corrections or comments back to the Faculty Senate.
 - b. Representative to the Board of Trustees
Representative attended the June BOT meeting on HSU campus, via zoom. Sound quality was problematic.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
Moment of silence was observed for a Dr. Jim Shafer former legislator.
Dr. Welch gave his President's report, in which he thanked HSU for hosting the meeting. He mentioned how difficult the past two years have been, but that we are working together to move the university forward. Six of the seven ASU campuses will not ask for a tuition increase; only HSU will ask for a small tuition increase. 49.5 million dollars in federal aid went out across the system to aid students. Budget for the entire system is \$353M, a 0.3%

increase over last year's budget. They forecast no new enrollment, so the budget is conservative.

HSU Chancellor reported, discussed HLC visit, graduating 110 students, and discussed successes in sports and academics. Discussed a grant to renovate the Caddo Center. Mask mandates were discussed.

Trustees made some HSU specific resolutions. Adopted formal mission statement.

- c. Executive Committee
No report.
 - d. Academic Committee
No report.
 - e. Buildings and Grounds Committee
Discussion of committee member changes. Dr. Wittig will contact alternates.
 - f. Finance Committee
No report.
 - g. Procedures Committee
No report.
 - h. Shared Governance Review Committee
No report
 - i. Representative of the Graduate Council
Council met and considered petitions of students to join graduate program.
- 6 Unfinished Business – (none?)
- 7 New business
- a. Election of Senate Secretary
 - b. Election of Webmaster Elect
 - c. Determination of IRB committee replacement members
- 8 Adjournment (4:55 PM)

*To committees giving reports: please email a copy of your report to James Engman, to facilitate the writing of minutes for the meeting.

Faculty Senate President's Report – Prepared 30 August 2021

Dr. Jim Borsig, Interim Chancellor

1. Contract Language: First, this year's letters sent to both Faculty and Staff resulted from a review by the ASU System general counsel's office of Henderson's prior year letters.

These letters are in line with the letters issued by other institutions across the ASU System.

2. Retrenchment: The retrenchment process has not yet begun and the preliminary work (including the steps before the process in the faculty handbook) will be communicated, as will be the schedule and process. No work is underway. The Finance and Administration staff is engaged in closing the books on FY 2020-2021 to meet the much earlier deadlines for the ASU System audit. This process is complicated by the soon to be replaced legacy computer system. Also, the ASU System will identify a third-party consultant to analyze employment trends in Arkansas, as well as degree program data that will be used by this process.

3. Retirement: An additional item on the ASU agenda is the second early retirement option to rebalance positions. This process will be transparent even before it has started.