

**FACULTY SENATE****Friday, January 29, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

The January 2021 meeting of the Harris Stowe-State University Faculty Senate was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. following University Updates by Provost Dr. LaTonia Collins-Smith: Dr. Collins-Smith informed faculty that university will not be able to sustain academic programs that do not have majors. She also said that University Leadership has been lobbying in Jefferson City to get a new STEM building for HSSU, which will cost about \$48,000,000; an Entrepreneurship for \$1,000,000; a \$500,000 to support the hiring more fulltime faculty. She also discussed that there is a COVID team in place at the university that is responsible for protocols and sharing information on processes around the University's approach to addressing the pandemic.

Dr. Edward Hill, Assistant Provost also addressed the Senate and said he will be available to support in any way that he can. His emphasis will be on new policies and the 2022 accreditation.

Senate President Odesa Weatherford-Jacobs introduced Dr. John MacDougal as Faculty Member of the Month. He was recognized for his years of dedication and commitment to Harris Stowe in the Science Department. Dr. MacDougal said he was surprised and honored that the Senate noticed the work he has done over the years.

The minutes of the November Senate meeting were approved unanimously.

Gregory Carr, President of HSSU-National Education Association, explained that the NEA is the bargaining unit for faculty and that it works collaboratively with the Faculty Senate. Mr. Carr gave the history of how the NEA came to be at the university and shared that he will keep faculty informed on Interest bargaining that the union is working on with HSSU Leadership.

Senate members were invited to participate in a Legislative Session on Zoom with the Missouri Association of Faculty Senate on January 31st. Dr. Weatherford-Jacob said she would send the link to Senate members to join in on the call.

The Senate also voted to form an Ad hoc Legislative Committee. Dr. Warletta Brookins was appointed chair of the Ad hoc committee and Senate members to email her if they are interested in serving on the legislative Ad hoc committee.

Standing committees were reviewed and members were allowed to sign up and add their name where they had been omitted from committee lists.

Faculty members ask the Senate and NEA to inquire about the new expectations for advising and registering students. They were concern that new responsibility would be overwhelming and

very time consuming. Faculty asked that software to do degree audits be explored to expedite the process. Dr. MacDougal was asked to chair an Ad hoc committee to look into the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Warletta C. Brookins, PhD

Faculty Senate Secretary

- I. Update on Missouri Association of Faculty Senate – Legislative Session on Zoom on Sunday, January 31st.
- II. Proposed **formation of** Ad hoc Legislative Committee
- III. Old Business
- IV. Faculty Senate Standing Committee Updates (Chairs of Standing Committees are requested to email reports to Senate Secretary Dr. Warletta Brookins prior to the meeting)
- V. Faculty Questions, Concerns, Celebrations and Discussions
- VI. Adjournment