



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
Faculty Senate

Plenary Session

February 17, 2021 – Zoom – 3:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Faculty and Guests

- Adams, Jamie
- Amare, Nicole
- Bates, Robin
- Beebe, Donald
- Cesarini, Pat
- Cleary, John
- Cloutier, Robert, excused
- Copeland, Donna
- Donaldson, Amanda
- Fregeau, Laureen
- Feldvoss, Joerg
- Gecewicz, Chimene
- Gossett, Nicholas, excused
- Halbrooks, John
- Hartin, Charles
- He, Jia
- Henry, Alison
- Henning, Jeremiah
- Hossain, Mohammad
- Huang, Jingshan
- Huang, Ying
- Lewis, Drew
- Lin, Mike
- Lindeman, Jenny
- Lynch, Colleen
- Manders, Jeannete
- McCready, Susan
- Myers, Charlene
- O'Connor, Tracy, excused
- Pelekanos, Sharon
- Raczkowski, Christopher
- Rayner, Jonathan
- Rinehart, Jason
- Sayner, Sarah
- Shepard, Beth
- Sittig, Scott
- Spencer, Edmund
- Swanzy, Debra
- Sweeney, Bob
- Turnipseed, David
- Vandewaa, Elizabeth
- Webb, Brett
- Weber, David
- Woodmansee, Brenda
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- Meeting called to order 3:06 pm
- Approval of Minutes: Approved
- Approval of Agenda: Approved
- **President's Report**

- **President search:** Dr. Waldrop will be stepping down July 1st. An interim/3 deans will step up until the new President is found.
- **Covid numbers:** Campus numbers have been steadily improving and community numbers are also improving.
 - To participate in sentinel testing, faculty must “register” for sentinel testing. (If you have not already done so, please go to healthy.verily.com to set up an account to be included in Sentinel Testing. Use your southalabama.edu email address to create your account. You will answer some basic questions and verify your email. Once your account is created, you are all done for now. Contact covid19@southalabama.edu with any questions.)
 - Discussions about the process being voluntary instead of mandatory.
- **Vaccine rollout:** Those who would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can use <https://c19vaccine.southalabama.edu>. For USA employees, please use your southalabama.edu email address and select “Education Worker” when asked about vocation. Important note: You may need to select "Other" and "None of the Above" to get to the option of "Education Worker.")
- **Enrollment:** Spring 2021: Head Count:
 - Undergraduate down 4.82%; Graduate up 3.48%; University down 1.99%; Credit Hour: University down 3.48% (Down 1.2% and 2% for Fall 19 to Fall 20)
 - Fall 2021: As of Feb 10th; Applications up 31%; Acceptances up 44% (up in all colleges); Transfer Apps up 30%; Tours & Visits up 40%; Housing Apps up 23%
 - Indictors point to 10-15% increase in first time freshmen.
 - More applications from Mobile and Baldwin County at this point then all of last cycle.
 - Plan-Fall 2021 is the last semester for WH and WR courses.
 - For Fall USA the plan is to return to pre-COVID course designations. (may be a little early but we will see)
- **Budget:** New stimulus funds (\$18 million with 1/3 direct to students); Potential new funds with new bill; Early indicators that state funding will be up (~6% in governor’s budget)
 - Discussed need for comprehensive salary survey with admin, will continue to push for one.

- **Comprehensive program review:**
 - Academic Affairs contracted with Grey and Associates for software that runs a market analysis.
 - All this data will be part of the strategic plan and a Deans level evaluation will be conducted.
 - Tentatively planning a session with Faculty Senate (Training Wed April 7th in afternoon and review all day April 8th)
 - Chair/Department review will be conducted as well.
 - Review recommendations will be used to inform strategic plan and college level decisions. Types of recommendations from the review process:
 - Grow the Program
 - Sustain the Program
 - Grow and Fix
 - Sustain and Fix Issues
 - Needs further review

- **Completion of Pending Business:**
 - No pending Business

- **Reports from University Committees:**
 - No report

- **Reports from Senate Committees:**
 - No report

- **Reports from Caucus Leaders:**
 - No report

- **New Business:**
 - **Resolution Commending the Vaccination Program by USA Health:** Faculty Senate Executive Committee is proposing a resolution commending the vaccination program by USA University Health at the Mobile Civic Center
 - **Student Perceptions of Instruction Policy Revision:** Students will complete a perceptions of instruction survey for all faculty taught courses at the University of South Alabama.
 - When a class has five or fewer students enrolled, the course instructor may request that classes from different sections be combined and then released. The student perceptions of instruction surveys are conducted online through a University software program. Generally, student perceptions of instruction surveys are open for student responses after the last day to withdraw and close

the day before grades are due. Results are available to faculty after grades have been posted.

Meeting Adjournment: MMSA 4:00 pm

Minutes transcribed by Donna Copeland