

**SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2020
3:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

The Shared Governance Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020, via Zoom. The following members were present: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Ross Alexander, Dr. Andrea Hunt, Dr. Molly Mathis, Dr. Michelle Nelson, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Terry Richardson, Mr. Jarrod Russell, Mr. Evan Thornton, and Dr. Laura Williams. Dr. Leah Whitten, Chairperson, presided.

Call of Meeting to Order

Dr. Whitten called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Dr. Richardson and second by Dr. Hunt, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the E-Business of November 16, 2020

On motion by Dr. Richardson and second by Dr. Pierce, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from the Chair

Dr. Whitten announced one remaining SGEC meeting for the fall semester and thanked committee members for their flexibility this semester in handling meetings via Zoom and/or e-business. Consequently, Dr. Richardson commended Chair Whitten for her thoughtful consideration of committee members' time with the handling of routine matters via e-business.

Request from Faculty Senate for a 45-Day Extension on Faculty Handbook Revisions to Chapter 2 and Appendix 2E

Dr. Williams moved approval and Dr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval for Transmittal to President Kitts – Faculty Handbook Revisions to Correct Broken Links/Policy Titles

Faculty Only Issue – Approved by Faculty Senate on November 12, 2020

Dr. Richardson made a motion and Dr. Alexander seconded the motion to recommend to President Kitts the approval of Faculty Handbook revisions to correct broken links/policy titles. The motion was approved unanimously.

Town Hall Discussion

Following a thorough discussion, Dr. Richardson made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Hunt and unanimously approved to direct Chair Whitten to inform President Kitts of the unanimous consent of the SGEC that the Town Hall be held as a live Zoom event with Bliss Adkison assisting in the use of breakout, chat, and/or waiting rooms with a moderator. Chair Whitten also noted her willingness to reach out to former SGEC Chairs Amber Paulk and Felecia Harris concerning their use of SGEC subcommittees for the Town Hall planning.

Comments from Constituent Representatives

Due to the absence of Tate Gooch, there was no report for the SGA. For the Staff Senate, Ms. Adkison reported the following: Staff Senate passed a Resolution of Appreciation to University Health Services and the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force (CRTF) similar to the SGA resolution; and Staff Senate is working with the Council of Associate Deans to further develop the staff onboarding process. For the Faculty Senate, Dr. Williams reported that the Faculty Senate is also working on a similar resolution of appreciation to University Health Services and the CRTF and at its meeting this week, Faculty Senate will consider revised language to the Sexual Misconduct Policy. For the Administration, Dr. Alexander reported the following: Board of Trustees meeting this week; record enrollment, retention, and six-year graduation rates; \$15 million in state funding awarded for the construction of a Computer Science and Mathematics Building and \$2.2 million for renovation of LaGrange Hall; and students transitioned to remote learning beginning this date for the remainder of the semester. Mr. Thornton echoed Dr. Alexander's statements on acquired funding, noted it was hopeful that additional funding for deferred maintenance could have been achieved but the University is happy with what was allocated, and it is hoped that future funding is forthcoming so that COLA's for employees can be awarded.

Dr. Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Alexander seconded the motion. With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Leah Whitten, Chairperson