

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes**

May 13, 2022

1:30pm–2:30pm

**Invitees:** Dr. Emily Cutrer (absent), Dr. Melinda Arnold (absent), Dr. Craig Nakashian, Dr. Corrine Hinton, Dr. Brian Billings, Dr. Rebecca Cooper, Dr. Shelia Moore, Dr. Brian Matthews, Dr. Lisa Myers, Dr. Godpower Okereke, Dr. Vikram Bhaduarua, Dr. Joy Cooper, Dr. Jim Nguyen, Dr. Faycal Znidi, Sebastian Schmidl (absent)

**I. Call to order (1:33 pm)**

**II. President’s Report**.....Dr. Emily Cutrer  
None

**III. VPAA Report**.....Dr. Melinda Arnold  
None

**IV. Approval of Minutes** (April 27, 2022) .....Dr. Corrine Hinton  
Dr. Nakashian motions, Dr. Myers seconds. Approved.

**V. President of Faculty Senate Report**.....Dr. Corrine Hinton  
Faculty Senate will be getting dedicated administrative support.

**VI. Officer Elections**

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Dr. Nakashian nominated by Dr. Myers (accepted/withdrew)

Dr. Matthews nominated by Drs. Nakashian and Znidi

Dr. Rebecca Cooper nominated by Dr. Moore (refused)

Dr. Matthews elected by acclamation.

**SECRETARY/PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Dr. Nakashian self-nominates

Dr. Nakashian elected by acclamation.

**VII. Committee Chair Assignments**

A. Academic Standards (Dr. Lisa Myers)

B. Curriculum Committee (Dr. Godpower Okereke)

C. Core Curriculum Assessment (Open)

D. Educational Technology (Dr. Faycal Znidi)

E. Academic Rules and Procedures (Dr. Craig M Nakashian)

F. Faculty Welfare (Dr. Joy Cooper)

G. FRED (Dr. Rebeca Cooper)

## H. Budget (Dr. Jim Nguyen)

### VIII. Consent Agenda Items

- FRED recommendations approved by Senate  
Dr. Znidi motions, Dr. Nguyen seconds. Approved.
  - Dr. Eunji Cho approved for \$2870.52
  - Dr. C. Cordray denied funding for \$1000
  - Dr. Kim Murray approved for \$1000, pending letter from dean regarding travel funds already having been exhausted
  - Dr. Jim Nguyen approved for \$3000
  - Dr. Vikram Bhaduarua denied for \$3000

### IX. New Business

Discuss publishing a letter of objection concerning the recent Henderson State University financial exigency recommendations.

Supporting arguments included:

- the importance of providing moral support for affected faculty and staff at Henderson, even if our protest will not change the outcome.
- Suggestion made to also send the letter to the regional accreditation body relative to protection for tenure.

Concerns raised included:

- if we offer a statement on this circumstance, we would be obligated to weigh in on all situations.
- As we are not in the same state, we should not weigh in
- It is not within Faculty Senate's purview to protest decisions elsewhere
- We need to study the issue deeply before weighing in

Dr. Billings motions to formally open the discussion. Dr. Nguyen seconds. Motion to invoke cloture fails. Motion effectively tabled.

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Adjournment: 2:21 pm**