

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
Faculty Senate

Plenary Session

January 19, 2022 –Zoom 3:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Faculty and Guests

Adams, Jamie

Amare, Nicole

Prakash, Aishwarya
 Rayner, Jonathan
 Raczkowski, Chris

- Sayner, Sarah
 - Shaw, Christy, excused
 - Shaw, Thomas
 - Shepard, Beth
 - Spencer, Edmund
 - Strickland, Jason
 - Swanzy, Debra
 - Thompson, Tara
 - Turnipseed, David
 - Vandewaa, Arie
 - Vandewaa, Elizabeth
 - Vrana, Laura
 - Webb, Brett
 - Weber, David
 - Woodmansee, Brenda
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- Meeting called to order 3:01 pm
 - Approval of Minutes for 11/17/21 Meeting: Approved
 - Approval of Agenda for 1/19/22 Meeting: Approved

 - **President's Report:**
 - **Presidential Transition-**

Ms. Shepard and John Cleary have met with the new president to share faculty concerns such as shared governance and having a faculty representative (FS president) as a member of the president's council, gender disparity, salary, and difference among administrative and faculty pay at the university.

Ms. Shepard also reported that they discussed concerns about the current vacancies and had an opportunity to teach him a little about faculty workload etc. The strategic plan was discussed and what benchmarks will be used to measure changes made. President Bonner asked to have an additional meeting outside of the regularly scheduled FS excomm meetings with the FS president and past president.
 - **Covid Update-**

Ms. Shepard reported talking with Julie Estes and John Cleary who is a member of Covid task force to get regular updates. She reports that everyone should have received notification of large number students not being in class. Contact tracing is still going on and more resources have been added to the contact tracing team to address the backlog. There is still a significant backlog in getting notifications out to faculty.

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- o Other:
 - o None

Meeting Adjournment: ~~MMSA 5~~ 5

Minutes transcribed by Donna Copeland