

Appalachian State University
Faculty Senate Agenda
August 17, 2020
AGENDA SUMMARY:
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| (3:15 pm) | I. | Welcome | INFORMATION |
| (3:20 pm) | II. | Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Everts' Leadership | ACTION |
| (3:50 pm) | III. | Resolution Holding Administration Responsible for COVID-19 Illness and Death | ACTION |
| (4:30 pm) | IV. | Resolution on Plemmons Student Union Voting | ACTION |
| (5:00 pm) | V. | Adjournment | |

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Zoom Held Virtual Meeting

NOTE: All Faculty Senate meetings are recorded and/or broadcasted.

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 - 1. **Appendix A**
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Appendix A

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Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Everts' Leadership Sponsor: Michael Hambourger (CFS)

Action Item

Appalachian State University has grown from its humble beginnings as a mountain school for local students to one of the premier undergraduate institutions in the state, in part because of the vision and communication skills of previous Chancellors. They were able to effectively galvanize the energy and enthusiasm of faculty. Conversely, the current Chancellor, Dr. Sheri Everts, is frequently isolated from and unable to effectively communicate with faculty, and has failed in her basic tasks of strengthening institutional finances, providing goals, operating in a transparent fashion, embracing shared governance, and pulling the university community together in a common mission.

WHEREAS, it is expected of the university Chancellor that they be competent, transparent, concerned with the wellbeing of students, staff, faculty, and community, and committed to the university's academic mission; and

WHEREAS, many faculty have reported the Chancellor of Appalachian State University has, over the past three years, repeatedly failed to live up to these expectations; and

WHEREAS, the faculty has attempted repeatedly to protect the core academic mission, expressing concerns to the administration formally through regular and extra Faculty Senate meetings, a petition with over 400 signatures, and multiple Senate Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, multiple Faculty Senate meetings in 2019 and an Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Salaries have established that Chancellor has neglected faculty and the academic mission in their budget allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's administrative priorities have already led to a problem of low faculty morale, disengagement, and the loss of talented faculty members and, now, to the prospect of loss of life; and

WHEREAS, numerous faculty members have questioned the Chancellor's plans for a return to campus in Fall 2020 given the rise in COVID-19 cases in North Carolina and anticipated infection and death rates; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, a group of dedicated scholars concerned with the well-being of the students and the institution, have moved from a concern about people's livelihoods and the institution's reputation to, now, a concern for people's lives;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate expresses a sentiment of no confidence in Chancellor Sheri Evert's leadership.

Appendix B

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**Resolution Holding Administration Responsible for COVID-19 Illness and Death
Sponsor: Matthew Robinson (GJS)**

Action Item

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Appalachian State University hold the Board of Governors and Chancellor Sheri Everts responsible for any illness and death resulting from COVID-19 as a result of reopening campus in spite of clear warning signs available to all and over the objections of the faculty.

Appendix C

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Resolution on Plemmons Student Union Voting Sponsor: Gayle Turner (LES)

Action Item

Whereas the Blue Ridge Ballroom of Plemmons Student Union at Appalachian State University is a critical early and election day voting site for ASU students, faculty, staff and community members,

Whereas the Plemmons Student Union voting site is a safe and accessible site for early and election day voting,

Whereas safety and accessibility are of equal or greater importance to voting during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Appalachian State University recommends and supports the use of the Blue Ridge Ballroom of the Plemmons Student Union as a necessary, safe, and accessible early and election day voting site for the November 2020 election.