

**Faculty Senate Meeting January 31, 2020
Delta Center Room 103**

Attendees: Annette Bednar, Than Boves, Robert Bradley, Andrea Brown, Donna Caldwell, Ross Carroll, Sarah Davidson, Kim Davis, Mary Donaghy, Lillie Fears, Paul Finnicum, Joe Ford, Amanda Wheeler-Gryffin, Joanna Grymes, Gauri Guha, Hans Hacker, John Hershberger, Annette Hux, Cherisse Jones-Branch, Ryan Kelly, Donghoon Kim, Cheryl Knight, Joseph Loar, Bill Maynard, Loretta McGregor, Jeff McLaughlin, Suzanne Melescue, Jie Miao, Paul Minor, Pradeep Mishra, Vicent Moreno, Nikesha Nesbitt, Tim Oliver, Arianne Pait, Greg Phillips, Joseph Richmond, Robert Robinette, Richard Segall, Paul Sikkel, Marcus Tribbett, Wayne Wilkinson Christine Wright, Karen Yanowitz.

Proxy Attendees: Libby Nix (Kathryn Flannigan), Shelly Gipson

Absentees: Manu Bhandari, Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Win Bridges, Matthew Carey, Shivan Haran, Matthew Hill, Sharon James, Bill Rowe,.

Meeting Called to Order: Loretta McGregor established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 1501 by Loretta McGregor.

Approval of Agenda: No Agenda

Guest Speakers: Dr. Kelly Damphousse, Dr. Alan Utter and Dr. Bud Kennedy

Dr Damphousse announced the university is exploring a public-private partnership with Adtalem to bring a Veterinarian Medicine School to Arkansas State University. Currently there are no veterinarian schools in Arkansas and there is a shortage of veterinarians in the state. Arkansas is allotted only 12 slots to nearby states which makes entry very competitive. Dr. Kennedy stated he has seen many qualified students be denied admission into veterinarian schools. Dr. Utter will lead a task force through a 180 day exploration of the feasibility for the program. The proposed school will have nationally-accredited standards. Dr. Damphousse reiterated this is in the very early explorations stages but did answer questions from the faculty senate.

Adjournment

Motion made by Joanna Grymes to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 1600.