

Minutes
Called Meeting of February 14, 2008
ULM Faculty Senate

Present: Brett Bennett, Sally Davidson, Joseph Feldhaus, Stephen Fox, Anna Hill, Cecil Hutto, Lance Nickelson, Mona Oliver, Shirlee Owens, Jack Palmer, Linda Reid, Donna Rhorer, Pamela Saulsberry, Dorothy Schween, C. Turner Steckline, John Sutherlin, Bruce Walker, and Holly Wilson

Absent: Monica Bontty, David Hare, Kitty Kervin (excused), Megan Lowe (excused), and Jeff Rush.

President Steckline opened the meeting; Secretary Rhorer called the roll. Senator Reid moved to accept the minutes with corrections.

Senator Oliver seconded her motion.

Handbook

President Steckline met with the Provost to discuss the handbook. Faculty Senate and the Provost's office will maintain the document. March 1, 2008, is deadline for corrections to Faculty Handbook as it is posted. Senators Wilson, Reid, Hutto, and Palmer volunteered to review the handbook by March 1.

Unresolved Issue

Senator Hill noted that clarification is needed regarding research expectations at ULM, and the Provost is putting together a task force to study the issue. Regional and state journals are highly competitive in some areas and this, of course, depends upon one's field. Senator Owens noted that the push is toward international and national travel, but we have no travel money. How can faculty be expected to do this kind of traveling without travel money?

Faculty Career and Personal Satisfaction Survey Results

Senator Walker moved that we go into Executive Session; Senator Feldhaus provided the second.

Budgetary Information

Dave Nicklas cannot attend the February 28th meeting; instead, Paxton Oliver will talk at the end of the meeting on Shared Governance. Nicklas will attend on March 13th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna A. Rhorer, Secretary
ULM Faculty Senate