

**Minutes**  
**ULM Faculty Senate**  
**April 24, 2008**

**Present:** Brett Bennett, Monica Bontty, Sally Davidson, Joseph Feldhaus, Stephen Fox, David Hare, Cecil Hutto, Anna Hill, Kitty Kervin, Megan Lowe, Lance Nickelson, Mona Oliver, Shirlee Owens, Jack Palmer, Linda Reid, Donna Rhorer, Jeff Rush, Pamela Saulsberry, Dorothy Schween, C. Turner Steckline, John Sutherlin, Bruce Walker, and Holly Wilson

**New Members:** Hanks, Johnson, Dupre, and Chandler. Taylor, Parker, Matusiak, and Jois were excused.

**Observer:** Vice-Provost Eric Pani

President Steckline called the meeting to order and introduced newly elected Senators. Secretary Rhorer called the roll. The minutes were accepted. Senator Rush moved to accept; Senator Walker provided the second.

**Committee Reports and Items Discussed:**

Dr. Pani comes to our meetings as a guest seeking to stay informed.

- A. Executive Board met with the administration and discussed the Nevers bill and curriculum re-design.
- B. Academic Standards presented Draft 3 entitled “Resolution Regarding Passage of Senate Bill No. 561, Which Provides for the Louisiana Academic Freedom Act.” After much discussion, a vote was taken to accept the resolution with a friendly amendment which would include a re-wording of the third paragraph. Thirteen were opposed; five abstained. Because of the vote, President Steckline will represent our thoughts to the FAC in Baton Rouge on April 25, 2008.
- C. Constitution and Bylaws—no report.
- D. Elections—no report.
- E. Faculty Welfare Committee--discussion followed on Post Tenure Review and how to proceed with such a plan, and what its implications might be, and how such a plan might focus on rehabilitation and growth.
- F. Fiscal Affairs offered that it is still meeting with Deans and Student Alliance and learning how budget is developed from Dave Nicklas.
- G. Enrollment Management Council—no report.
- H. Smoking Resolution—update on how to inform the campus of the no smoking policy. Send suggestions to Anna Hill at hill@ulm.edu.
- I. FAC—Steckline has forwarded everything from them to us regarding the Paid Time Off issue. Some constituents have asked how this will affect faculty using ORP. Noted that at tomorrow’s meeting in Baton Rouge the group would discuss current debate over bill allowing concealed weapons on campus.

Old Business Items

A. Shared Governance Focus Groups

The following numbers of attendees were reported from each college:

A&S—24

CAB—18

EHD—18

HS—26

Ph—14

Staff—69

The Shared Governance Committee is supposed to post comments on its website in two weeks.

Faculty Senate was supposed to have its own focus group, but was left out of process. Instead, it was suggested that we could post our comments on our own site. Senator Schween asked for a brief discussion on the topic. Some Senators wondered why there was talk of eliminating the Faculty Senate but none for eliminating the Alum group or SGA. We would be available to help staff form its own group, and we are in favor of each entity having its own autonomous body.

B. New Business

There is need for an Honors' Council Representative—David Hare will serve. Palmer and Lowe serve as well.

Senator Wilson moved for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna A. Rhorer, Secretary  
ULM Faculty Senate