

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2013
Rm 170, Student Center, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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Senators Present: Anderson, Bray, Carpenter, Chenoweth, Eisenstadt, Frye, Giles, Hill, Niemla, Owens, Pope, Sampognaro, Stockley, Strunk, Sutton, Sylvester, Tommerdahl, Walker, Wiggins, Wilson

Senators Absent: *Caldwell, Lasiter

Guest: Interim Dean Michael Camille

Handouts circulated: Electronically circulated documents included the Draft of Minutes of FS November 15, 2012 meeting, Agenda for FS January 17 meeting, Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Revisions, CAS Budget Cuts, CAS T&P Committee, CAS Re-Organization, CAS Re-Organization Definitions, Academic Standards Report on Registrar's Office, Report of meeting with Registrar's Office and Administrators, Draft of Faculty Welfare Survey

President Sylvester **called the meeting to order**, at 12:30 p.m.

Secretary Sampognaro **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the FS November 15, 2012** meeting were **accepted** with minor corrections. (Hill/Frye)

Agenda Items:

- Interim Dean Michael Camille was present to answer questions regarding the Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion revisions. Due to the recent reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences, the tenure and promotion policy was updated accordingly. Interim Dean Camille called the current promotion and tenure committee together in November 2012 to discuss how to handle promotion and tenure within the new structure. The committee wanted to ensure that colleagues closest to each discipline would be reviewing portfolios at the first level of review. There were several questions regarding new administrative titles as well as the formation and make-up of each committee. Inclusion of the new policy into the Faculty Handbook was also discussed. It was concluded that Interim Dean Camille would revise the policy to clarify areas of confusion and resubmit the document to the Arts and Science members of the FS who would then forward it to the whole FS for a vote. Senator Anderson volunteered to assist Interim Dean Camille in the revision.
- The Executive Board meeting scheduled for January 15, 2013 was cancelled due to the closure of the University for inclement weather. President Sylvester provided updates that would have been discussed at this meeting.

- The new ULS President, Dr. Sandra Woodley, is attempting to schedule a visit to ULM on Monday, February 4, 2013. President Bruno would like to give her the opportunity to visit with both the Staff and Faculty Senates and would like a meeting set up for early afternoon on that day. The majority of the FS could attend on that afternoon from 2-3 pm. President Sylvester will relay this information to the President.
- The ULM Student Research Symposium is early this year. Abstracts are due February 19, 2013, and the symposium will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Senators were asked to encourage faculty and students in their colleges to participate.
- The deadline for the Search for Deans is now over, and the search committees are reviewing candidates in order to create a short list. It has been reported that there are a good number of applicants for both positions.
- A new Pre-Awards Coordinator in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research has been named by Vice President Pani. Cynthia Rodriguez, currently the Coordinator of Grants and Development in the College of Education and Human Development has been named and will start immediately.
- In regards to the Faculty Workload Policy, Dr. Pani has not yet named a committee.
- A committee has been named to update the Textbook Adoption Policy, and Hollis Bray is the FS representative. There was no update regarding this committee.
- At the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates meeting on December 1, 2012, President Sylvester gave a presentation regarding the inequities in the budget formula in order to spread the word and educate faculty at other Universities about this matter. The presentation went very well and generated much discussion. As a result, several news releases were generated the next week in the Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and other southern parts of the state. He was invited to address the LSU Faculty Senate and give a similar presentation on Monday, February 18.
- Senator Wiggins provided an update about the ULM HELPS grant, which works for suicide prevention here on campus and around the community. This grant will end in January. When the original grant was written, it was with the expectation that the University would pick up the funding at the end of the three year grant period. The funds pay the salary and benefits for one staff member and a few supplies. Senator Sutton wrote the original grant and has recently written another grant to a private foundation in hopes of continuing this program. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. The FS was very supportive of continuing this program.
- The FS task force and many administrators met to discuss the Office of Registrar's Report. The major complaints and findings were discussed and explanations were provided.
- There is a draft of the Faculty Survey on Moodle and a forum has been created to house comments, suggestions and discussion regarding the draft.
- There was no new information from the Fiscal Committee.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

The next FS meeting will take place on February 14, 2013 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Sampognaro, Faculty Senate Secretary

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