

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Walker 1-111, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded
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Senators Present: John Anderson, Dagley, Eisenstadt, Frye, Gissendanner, A. Hill, R. Hill, Kaleem, Lovett, Michael, Nazzal, Stockley, Vangelisti, White, Wiedemeier

Senators Absent: Jeffrey Anderson, Craighead*, Giles*, Hare, Lasiter, Niemla*

Faculty Senate President Stockley **called the meeting to order** at 12:36 p.m.

Faculty Senate Secretary Gissendanner **called the roll.**

The Senate did not have quorum at the start of the meeting. Pres. Stockley started discussion of the committee reports

Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Meeting (3/10) Report:

- The VPAA has requested the development of an office hour policy for part-time and adjunct faculty. Dean Lemoine as asked to look into the policy at other institutions and in a subsequent e-mail to the Executive Committee stated that at similar institutions office hour policies for part-time faculty are not specified. Dr. Stockley charged the Faculty Welfare Committee to develop the part-time office hours policy.

At this point, quorum for the Senate meeting was reached and a motion was made by Sen. A. Hill to approve both the 11/20/14 and 1/22/15 Meeting Minutes. Sen. A Hill provided some edits to the 1/22/15 minutes to Sen. Gissendanner. The motion to approve was seconded by Sen. Wiedemeier. Minutes were unanimously approved.

- Continuing with Executive Committee report: Part-time/overload teaching policy was also discussed. Administration was to limit instructors to one overload course per semester and tenured/tenure-track faculty to one overload course per year. The opinion of the Senate was that there should not be a policy and that the decision is best left to School Directors and Deans who will be more attentive to the quality of teaching. The diversity of academic units complicated the development of a single policy.
- The administration is also putting together an ad hoc committee to look at textbook costs. Dr. Pani stated that this would not involve faculty restrictions on textbook use. Pres. Stockley appointed Sen. Jeffrey Anderson to this committee.

- Faculty workload policy will be addressed by the VPAA before the end of the semester.
- The UL System will have a weekly webinar on Fridays regarding the higher education budget problems.
- Pres. Stockley is organizing a public forum on higher education to be held later this month.

B. Academic Standards: No report

C. Ad Hoc Handbook Committee

- Sen. Gissendanner reported that edits are complete and that the final version is ready to be submitted to Faculty Senate and VPAA for approval.

D. Ad Hoc Library Committee

- Due to the low number of faculty reviewing book, Dean Smith has stated that the book review process could become accelerated, possible limiting the amount of time faculty have to review books selected for removal

E. Constitution and B-Laws: No Report

F. Elections Committee

- Nominations for elections will remain open until March 20th. Online election will occur March 30th.
- It was noted by Sen. Nazzal, that membership on the Faculty Senate should be more representative of the academic unit. It was the opinion of the Senate that this could be reviewed by Constitution and By-Laws next academic year.

G. Faculty Welfare

- The faculty welfare committee voted to approve a proposal stating that classes meet at least once after a major University holiday break prior to the first day of finals week. Sen. Wiedemeier motioned for the Faculty Senate to approve this proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Fiscal Affairs

- Sen. Eisenstadt summarized the proposal submitted to the administration by the ad hoc merit raise committee

Unfinished Business

- Pres. Stockley summarized the issue of contingencies and Louisiana Association of Business opposition to changes to 22 tax programs

New Business

- From Faculty Welfare Committee: The issue of building safety was discussed. It was noted that it is sometimes a hassle for faculty to get room keys and therefore rooms are often left unlocked.
- From Faculty Welfare Committee: ULM should make efforts to link spring break with either Ouachita Parish or Monroe School systems or both
- There was discussion on how ULM would utilize data derived from Academic Analytics

Meeting adjourned 2:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris R. Gissendanner, Faculty Senate Secretary