Minutes

ULM Faculty Senate

January 26, 2017

12:30 PM Walker 1-111

**Senators Present:** Roger Carpenter, Melanie Chapman, Lyle Holin, Cecil Hutto, Kioh Kim, Connie Lewis, David McGraw, Heather Pilcher, Savannah Posey, Will Rogers, Joshua Stockley, Vonny Thorton, Claire Vangelisti

**Senators Absent:** Emad El-Giar\*, Tina Mullone\*, Adam Pate, and Paul Wiedemeier\*

1. Call to Order- 12:34pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes-November 17, 2016
   1. Tabled-minutes not posted to Moodle
   2. Will approve at the next meeting
   3. Please review minutes beforehand to streamline process
4. Committee reports
   1. Academic Standards
      1. No report
   2. Constitution and By-Laws
      1. No report
   3. Faculty Welfare
      1. Will be meeting to go over faculty survey, waiting on data which will be sent to the committee chair
      2. Thoughts on doing the survey regularly?
         1. How valid is the survey due to faculty turnover?
            1. Response rate ~75%
            2. If the survey was to be regular it might affect the response rate
   4. Fiscal Affairs
      1. Governor will call for special session in February solely to deal with deficit and budget issues
      2. Freeze on wages has not been lifted by governor, if this happens President Stockley will be advocating for permanent raises
   5. Elections Committee
      1. A new chair will be assigned due to Dr. Gissendaner leaving
   6. Ad hoc handbook committee
      1. Handbook is in Pani’s office, waiting on workload policy to be official
5. ExCom meeting summary
   1. Workload policy:
      1. Pani will disseminate to the Deans and then to the faculty for feedback
      2. Pani would like the policy to be finalized by end of semester to be implemented by the next academic year
   2. Bi weekly payroll:
      1. Pani was not aware of latest status
      2. Dr. Pani, Dr. Graves, Dr. Richters, and Dr. Bruno are looking to finalize with the goal of reducing the 8-9 payroll processes currently in place
      3. Earliest we should expect changes would be July 1, 2017
         1. Senator concerns/questions
            1. Were we able to give feedback on the change?

We can meet with Dr. Graves to discuss

* + - * 1. Some senators are concerned with University controlling faculty cashflow
        2. Faculty/staff should be given 6-9 months if a major change happens

In the ExCom meeting Pani did voice concerns for allowing time for faculty/staff to budget accordingly

* + - * 1. Implementation is still being questioned
  1. Act 619-related to Elevate Louisiana
     1. Each institution will have a response
        1. Dr. Pani will provide us a copy of our institution’s response when it is finalized
        2. BoR has made their report
        3. Dr. Rallow will have a meeting in Alexandria next week talking about 619 and Elevate
           1. New emphasis: aligning degrees and consolidation
  2. Pani was asked about his priorities for Spring 2016:
     1. More PhD programs: 1. Environmental science 2. Kinesiology 3. Biology
     2. Increasing online enrollment: three contracts
        1. Education dynamics (already being implemented)
        2. Aslanian contract
           1. They review our demographics and find out what students want, within a 100 mile radius
        3. Academic partnerships (not approved yet)
           1. This company assists students with enrollment and follows up with them (student support service)
           2. This company has a high rate of success at similar institutions
     3. Elevating Research
        1. Workload is an issue and Dr. Sutherlin will be tasked to incentivize more research

1. New Business
   1. Election of at-large ExComm member
      1. Nominations
         1. Senator Hutto
         2. Senator Rogers
      2. Senator Rogers was elected to serve on the executive committee
   2. SACS committee member
      1. There will be an overall SACSCOC committee and Dr. Camille would like a faculty senate member to serve
         1. Interested senators:
            1. Senator Wilson
            2. Senator Vangelisti
            3. Senator Carpenter
   3. Faculty member emailed senate members requesting the senate to review and discuss a website, academia.org
      1. Is the concern the existence of this website?
      2. President Stockley will email faculty member to decipher her intent
2. Library is trying to hire a Dean of Library and Chief Information Officer as one position
   1. This might be too many responsibilities for one position
   2. We will see what library committee decides in their upcoming meeting
3. Adjournment

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| \*Indicates excused absence  Name/Name indicates moved/seconded |