



Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
3 February 2023
2:00pm, 135F Thomas Boyd Hall

Present: Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Meredith Veldman (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large) Parampreet Singh (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large)

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President)

Called to order by Pres. Bazayev at 2:05.

Public Comments: None

FSEC Minutes Approval from 18 January 2023—move to approve by Tirone. Passed unanimously.

President's Updates

- SCR-6 task force aborted; Sen. Cathey now working on legislative bill on tenure.
- Death of Madison Brooks—Bazayev has received many emails and conversations with students and faculty upset about Tate's response (both in mass email and *Advocate* editorial). Todd Manuel will meet with FSEC on Feb. 23, 3-3:30.
- Funds from Athletics—are being swept back if not used (at least since Covid)—looking into reversing that. Budget remains in flux because of salary savings due to Sarah Williamson-Richard's resignation.
- LSU Preschool: philosophy remains they are not service unit for or affiliated with LSU, ultimate goal: to align calendar with Lab School. Bazayev will meet with Tammy Milliken (Staff Senate) next week—will suggest the two senates work together on the issue. Maybe GSA too.
- Bazayev attended Board of Regents Summit 1/31-2/1 (Meauxmentum): focused on how to raise rates of Louisianians getting post-secondary education. Danger of lowering academic standards. Little discussion of key issue of revenue.
- Faculty Senate Social on Friday, Feb. 24.
- ORED is appointing committee to review the Centers and Institutions falling under ORED. All agreed on the need for faculty and FS involvement in such a review.

Presentation by GSA President Lyric Mandell

- Nov. : formed Graduate School Health Care Committee—using same model as used in the campaign for grad student fee relief (which worked). Gathering data. LSU one of the only SEC schools that does not provide health care to its GAs.

- Hosted GS health care forum in Nov.:
 - Concern for general health and wellbeing at LSU esp with privatization of LSU Health Center; family planning a major issue
 - Need for affordable GS health insurance
- Little communication from Grad School re grad health insurance in the whole grad student stipend discussion. Nobody seems to be asking what students want and need.
- Planning to host second grad school health care forum (week of March 27)—seeking concrete questions, what specific resources are needed.
- Raising GS stipend could jeopardize access to affordable Obamacare.
- Problems with LSU Health Center: Lack of mental health counselors, lack of diversity—color, sexual and gender preference. Lack of consistent care (can't see same practitioner).
- Need to have much louder, clearer discussion of GS health care on campus—also need education on options available, esp for international students.

Decided to invite LSU Health Center representative to the Feb. Senate meeting to explain new partnership with Our Lady of the Lake and to address some of these concerns.

Tirone proposed to adjust agenda to take items in this order: Unfinished Business: COIA Conference funding, Building temperatures; New Business: New appointments to standing committees, ORED Search Committee, rescheduling for Mardi Gras week. Passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- COIA conference funding
Tirone moved to approve Joan King's attendance but with the proviso that it include our dismay at her premature use of Senate funds. Approved unanimously.
- Building temperatures – Bryan Andries and Gerald Sansoni will be coming to FS Feb meeting to answer questions. APIC met with them on 2/3

New Business

- New appointments to Standing Committees
James Canfield wants to be on Budget Committee—will be recommended to Committee on Committees.
- ORED Search Committee Appointment
Veldman moved to nominate Robert Cook. Passed unanimously.
- FSEC meeting rescheduling for the week of Mardi Gras
Rescheduled for Feb. 23, 2:30.

Adjourned 3:23

Postponed until next meeting on Feb. 8:

- LSU Membership in the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics
- Phi Kappa Phi awards – presentation confirmed
- Invitation of Budget and Planning, and Benefits Committee to FS

- Consideration of Invitation to Kevin Cope to discuss lawsuit
- LSU ECELP
- Invitation for Craig Wooley, IT, to speak to FSEC
- ILC
- Standing Committees' info on website
- Consideration of ASH proposals
- New Senator elections
- Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda for February 16
- Follow-up on Caesar's Betting Presentation
- Request from Open/Affordable Educational Resources Committee
- DEI and Internationalization
- Proposed revisions to Policy Statements 29 and 45

