

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting 1:00 pm, 25 July 2024 Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Inessa Bazayev (Past-President), Parampreet Singh (Vice-President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: N/A

Guests: Jonathan Sanders and Kyrsti Wyatt from Student Advocacy & Accountability

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 1:01 pm on July 25, 2024, at the Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

President's Updates

- 1. Dr. Yejun Wu, Professor and Faculty Senator from the School of Information Studies, HSC, has passed away. He will be remembered at the first Faculty Senate meeting in Fall 2024.
- 2. Committee on Committees is working to fill committee openings by September.
- 3. President Tate and Provost Haggerty have been invited to the first Faculty Senate meeting and reception. Provost Haggerty has confirmed. The President's Cabinet and Deans will also be invited. Monthly meetings with President Tate will continue.
- 4. Meeting with Todd Woodward- VP Strategic Communications- to discuss internal/external communications, and to offer assistance on communication specific to faculty.
- 5. Meeting with Ryan Landry- VP Policy and Administration- to discuss and offer assistance on policy implementation.
- 6. Meeting with Student Advocacy and Accountability- to discuss the use of informal resolution for first and/or minor student academic offenses.
- 7. The TRSL/ORP retirement change issues discussed at 07/10/2024 meeting are still being investigated by HRM.
- 8. Meeting with Provost to discuss:
 - a. Personnel changes at the Grad school. Tirone and Singh will meet with Haggerty and Arbuthnot, Dean of Graduate School, in August to continue discussions.
 - b. Univ. Lab School reclassification is still in process.
 - c. The LSU administration is preparing for various scenarios of budget cuts.
 - d. Business at FS meetings. FS President to be given access to Curriculog to be aware of changes and flag items that may have widespread effects. Much of the work is done at the committee level; are regular reports at Senate meetings appropriate? The Policy

Committee will review charges of current committees to identify overlap and gaps with the goal of making FS committee work more efficient.

- e. Faculty concerns? Salaries, benefits, working conditions. Discussions are ongoing regarding revisions to PS-104.
- 9. Meeting scheduled to discuss the relationship between the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the Integrative Learning Core committee.

Unfinished Business

- 1. The first item of unfinished business was **ASH proposal**. Discussion about clarifying who puts together committees when work stretches across multiple departments, and the omission of Professional Affiliates from serving on MS committees. Motion by Singh to refer proposal to Grad Council to please look into the issue about the change regarding who can put together committees, department vs. college, and see if the language around the Professional Affiliates needs to be updated to accommodate the administrative appointment process. Passed unanimously.
- 2. The next item of unfinished business was **Student Attendance Survey**. The details are being finalized. Currently the plan is to begin, as Stage 1, with an audit of attendance in various courses to gauge the actual state of student attendance at LSU.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **Upcoming FSEC Schedule.** Tricia will send when2meet to schedule the next meeting for the week of August 5th.

Meeting: Student Advocacy & Accountability 1:58pm

- 1. SAA has modified practices to address changes to laws (2022 Legislation; change required by Summer 2024) involving the evidentiary level required for expulsion: now clear and convincing standard, not preponderance.
- 2. While these changes have been happening, SAA has piloted informal resolutions for behavioral infractions and have had good outcomes.
- 3. Proposal for a Review committee comprising faculty and SAA members to work on changes with the academic aspects of the student code of conduct and student accountability, including possible implementation of informal resolution of all misconduct cases.

Singh moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary