

LSUS FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019, 3:00 PM
WEBSTER ROOM, UNIVERSITY CENTER

I. CALL TO ORDER 4:03

Present: Helen Wise, Harvey Rubin, Adel Darrat, Zolt Lengvarszky , Brian Salvatore, Cory Coehoorn, Kevin Jones, Tom Dubose, Russ Perry, Doug Bible, Laura McLemore, Allen Garcia

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Minutes approved by acclamation

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Doug Bible announced that the Policy & Personnel Committee would be presenting two recommendations having to do with nomination procedure for outstanding faculty awards and undergraduate appeals process. He reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on December 2 and got a lengthy briefing from the Chancellor on campus projects. The Chancellor indicated that he was still open to capital improvement suggestions that can be completed by June 30. One suggestion was lighting for the tennis courts. Doug also announced that Dr. Binshan Linn would report on Faculty Research & Development Committee awards. He said the Policy and Personnel Committee has been asked to review faculty due process 2.19.02 and PM 35. Doug reported that he had submitted his report to the Provost on the faculty senate president's activity. There was a suggestion we have a student conduct board as a faculty senate committee. Doug said Dr. Joiner and Dr. Wren thought it would be a good idea. He asked that comments or questions be directed to Amy or Gary.

IV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

a. Chancellor: Helen Taylor reported on behalf of the Chancellor. With regard to faculty due process, the Chancellor was concerned that in our policy statement, problems go directly to the Chancellor. He does not feel that there are enough levels of appeal. He thinks the best thing to do is have a discussion with the Policy & Personnel committee with a proposal to change the university conduct hearing panel. The Provost reminded everyone that grades are due on Tuesday not Monday. She also reported that next May LSUS will go back to Sunday graduation one time only due to scheduling conflicts. She announced that Friday, January 10, will be spring kickoff for faculty. Basic Moodle training will begin in January. We will be adding another person for online learning support.

b. Vice Chancellors

1. Business Affairs—Barbie Cannon reported on student housing. She said the current owners were thinks they will close on the property before the holidays. LSUS will be contracting with a management company for at least eighteen months initially. Paula Atkins will be looking for a resident student housing director. Barbie announced that there were a lot of projects going on as we try to utilize one-time money before June 30. The tree pruning contract has now gone out. Bids will open after the holidays. She noted the campus clean-up. Mr. Schilling is working with faculty and staff to clean up around the campus. The HPE building roof is going on. The coffee shop in the library should be open in February. She said she is looking at a Hospitality program in the Business school to involve students in the operation of the coffee shop. Helen Wise asked about priority projects, and Barbie said the priority is worn out equipment that must be replaced. She expects Chancellor to get out his list of priorities. They are prioritizing first-floor level to improve the look when new students come on campus. Brian Salvatore drew attention to the need for qualified professors in order to recruit and retain students and grow programs. Barbie agreed but pointed out that that was beyond her purview.

2. Strategic Initiatives: Julie Lessiter reminded everyone to get grades in on time (10 am on Tuesday, Dec. 17). She reported that a little over 1000 students would be graduating. Eight hundred twelve are

coming to graduation. She is exploring whether we should have a summer graduation. On December 20, five hundred students would be coming to the online graduate brunch. She said spring numbers are a little down; we are using text messages and a social media push to get students registering before holiday break. Registration for next fall is two months ahead of schedule. The Pell grant program is driving applicants LSUS now. Julie announced that strategic initiatives include a Business Intelligence Lab in the B&E building, which will be open to all academic programs but especially for Business, an Exercise Science lab in the HPE building for experiential learning, and a running track around the campus.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Faculty Research & Development Committee**—Binshan Lin reported on faculty research & development grants. He passed out printed charts showing the breakdown by semester and by college in Fall 2019. Details are posted on Moodle. A suggestion was made to review applications in spring for fall projects.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Policy & Personnel presented two changes to be voted on.

1. Change in nomination procedure for outstanding faculty awards. Cory Coehoorn moved to approve, seconded by Harvey Rubin. The measure was approved unanimously.

2. Change in undergraduate grade appeal. Aadel moved to approve the change, and Helen Wise seconded. The measure passed unanimously. It will go to the Provost and Chancellor before being announced.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Red River Waterway facility across E. Kings Hwy. Beverly Burden said land was being used and might be used for scouting and other collaborative programs.

b. Status change for Student Conduct Committee. Paula Atkins proposed to change the Student Conduct Committee to an administrative committee but keep faculty on the committee. She approves of this changed to improve efficiency and flexibility. Another consideration, she pointed out, is that there is a conflict of interest with faculty bringing forward charges. Beverly Burden said the senators and other faculty should have conversations about how the whole faculty feels about it. It would have to come out of the senate and go to the faculty council as a major by-laws change. Right now members are approved by faculty. If it changes, they would be approved by the administration. University hearing panel terms are five years because it is important to maintain continuity and evenness across the board. Beverly said if it went from faculty senate to administration, a policy statement would be needed. Doug said the Policy & Personnel committee could come up with that.

VIII. OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS

Scott Hardwick announced that the Faculty-Staff luncheon would be on December 18.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLemore
Secretary