

LSUS FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019, 3:00 PM
WEBSTER ROOM--UNIVERSITY CENTER

I. CALL TO ORDER 3:03

Present: Harvey Rubin, Allen Garcie, Cory Coehoorn, Tom Dubose, Russ Perry, Doug Bible, Laura McLemore, Aadel Darrat. Absent: Helen Wise, Kevin Jones, Zolt Lengvarszky, Matyas Buzgo, Brian Salvatore.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting approved by acclamation

IV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

a. Chancellor – Julie Lessiter reported for Chancellor Clark. She started by noting that Admissions was running a couple of promos advertising no app fee for November. We've been getting about 20 apps per day for the past 5 days. This is a big improvement over past years. They hope to be getting financial aid packages out in February. She is still working with Ruffalo-Noel-Levitz. The consultants will be back in November, January, and February. She will give a report on the strategic enrollment plan soon. They are starting upskill training because of many changes in technology and pedagogy. She announced that the R training session is full but will be offered again in the spring. There will be many more such training programs offered in the future. International week is November 18-22. There will be lots events going on for international students. The design-thinking space is up and running. Veterans Day is Monday and programs are planned throughout the week. Faculty are working on the cyber-collaboratory. The K-12 committee are working. We are working on the landscape circles and a sculpture garden. She is also working on making the front of the UC a more pleasant and welcoming place to be.

b. Vice Chancellors

Provost—Beverly Burden gave the report. She reported that tomorrow is assessment day when all chairs and graduate directors make 5 minute presentations. She is working with Rhonda Failey to set up gradebook training for Moodle. There will be three levels of training: novice, intermediate and advanced.

This is in order to comply with a Noel-Levitz suggestion that we put our grades on Moodle. The Social Media policy is 50% done. Affirmative action policy is being updated. There are some changes to verbiage in the disability policy to use “disability” instead of “handicapped.” Personnel is being added to include 1 dean, 3 chairs, other tenure track positions, and 3 instructor positions. Doug Bible suggested expanding Moodle training to quizzes.

Business Affairs—Barbie Canon reported on the budget. Enrollment came out today, 8,572, and we are sitting well, which means we will have extra dollars to spend this year. How to appropriate those dollars will be decided this spring and then we will request those appropriations from Baton Rouge. Funds must be spent before fiscal year end. She announced several projects are planned: HPE roof gets started tomorrow (November 7). We have aging equipment and infrastructure that must be looked at. We must have cutting edge technology and resources, a new roof on Science Building, renovations of the Science Lecture Auditorium, parking lots, running path around campus, and the phone system. She asked for input from Faculty and Faculty Senate. She noted that physical plant director Art Shilling has been very proactive.

c. Directors’ Reports

Athletics--Lucas Morgan reported that soccer season is coming to an end. Both men and women are competing in the finals and have had good seasons. Basketball is started. They are doing well. They are undefeated. Encouraged the faculty and staff to come out and see the students play. The Athletic Department is still trying to find the best way to avoid student athletes having to miss class. He is looking for better ways to communicate to faculty. If student athletes are not attending class, please let him and his staff know. He introduced Tyler, the news sports information director, who replaced Mark Cantrell in charge of communications. He is working on refining the little things that make LSUS look good. We are live streaming everything and have been very effective. Doug Bible mentioned that Athletic policy needs updating.

Human Resources--Bill Wolfe introduced Laura Nugent, the new Alumni Director.

Student Services--Angel Martin pointed out how faculty can be engaged with students. She emphasized that faculty engagement outside the class room is directly related to student persistence and graduation. She offered some ideas.

The Student Activities Board is interested in helping with other events. They try to build on co-curricular events. Student organization advising. She reminded faculty that students do appreciate their advisors. Collaborating with students outside the classroom on a community service project such as the canned food drive is a good way to engage. She noted that intramural sports are valuable. Fitness classes and the weight room are other places to engage with students. Students have testified to the impact of faculty interaction. She explained the new Anchored In app.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Doug Bible reported that Dr. Linn reports that there are twenty-four \$1500 applications for research and development grants, seven \$5000 applications, and five sabbatical requests. There are some new members on that committee. He attended the Provost's meeting on October 28. Julie Lessiter made a good presentation. He attended Athletic Council and the Spring Street opening event. Executive Committee met October 30. Following that meeting, Doug referred the repurposing of University Center space to the Student Affairs Committee. They will report back in January. Kevin will be on sabbatical in the spring. Jong Dai will sit in for him. Doug then yielded the floor to Dr. Joiner to report on the Outstanding Faculty award, policy and personnel committee, and undergraduate grade appeal, but went on to note that one question involved whether deans can nominate faculty for the Outstanding Faculty award.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Gary Joiner reported on Outstanding Faculty Awards nominations policy 02.32.00 (IV) and also Policy and Personnel and Undergraduate Grade Appeal. Dr. Joiner reported that the only change was in policy 2.32.00, on the fourth page. The Policy & Personnel committee decided that deans can nominate because they are faculty. Chairs cannot nominate someone in their department but they can nominate someone in another department. The committee vote was unanimous. Doug Bible interjected that the Faculty Senate will vote on it next month after everyone has reviewed the policy revision. Dr. Joiner reported that the Policy & Personnel committee fixed the graduate appeal process. The committee then tried to bring Undergraduate appeal into line. Members of the Policy & Personnel

committee approved changes unanimously. These changes will go in the next catalog. The revised policy is much clearer. The anti-bullying policy discussion is ongoing.

VII. OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS

Lectures on World War II at 5:30 today in Noel Library. Doug encouraged everyone who could to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.