

LSUS Faculty Senate

Minutes of the Meeting

September 9, 2019

Called to order 3:08 p.m. Webster Room-University Center

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

Chancellor's report

Chancellor Clark welcomed everyone back for the new school year. He reported on the prospect of buying out the lease of the campus apartments. The housing will be held by a separate entity. He plans to bring in a management group to assist the first year while we learn the best way to manage the apartments on our own. We will look to increase student services and will be making incremental improvements. This year we will be looking at food options. Clark reported that many revitalization projects are happening on the campus. The time is right for this move. He is also talking to the Board of Supervisors about putting a two-lane connector road between the apartments and the campus ring road. We have the support of LSU for that. He mentioned other projects such as the Technology Center and Science building. He plans to reface both buildings. We must separately seek funds to renovate interiors.

The Chancellor also announced Helen Taylor as the new provost and Dennis Wissing as the new Dean of Education and Human Development. He received a question about the fitness center. He reported that the fitness center had opened. Major repairs are finally going to begin including new roof within thirty days. Offices on the second floor will be repurposed. He reported that the Cyber Collaboratory is almost ready. We're waiting on lights. Other projects include the idea space in Bronson Hall and a walking trail around the campus.

Approval of minutes: On motion of Kevin Jones, seconded by Harvey Rubin, the minutes of the April 2019 meeting were approved.

Faculty Senate President's report: President Doug Bible reported that he met with Chancellor Clark in July. Dr. Clark will meet with the Senate and executive committee on a regular basis. The faculty executive committee met on August 28. Chancellor Clark attended. Doug has been updating senate positions and committees. He reported that we are close but still have one opening for Policy and Personnel he is waiting on from Math and Science. Committees should meet at least once a semester even if there is not a lot of business. He met with the chair of the Research and Development committee. They will have announcements soon.

President Bible attended an event with the Chancellor for new faculty. He attended the Northwest Louisiana Legislative Summit luncheon and met with the Provost council. At the request of the Chancellor, he provided input from the Executive Committee on the provost position. He reviewed dates of fall senate meetings: September 9, Tuesday October 8, Wednesday November 6, and Thursday December 5. Spring meeting dates will go out later this week. He then asked senators to introduce

themselves for the benefit of new people. Bill Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, introduced Art Schilling as the new Physical Plant director.

Provost's report: Helen Taylor reported the addition of twenty-six new faculty members, a new Dean of Education and Human Development, and a new director of first year experience, Jennifer Hart. She reminded those present that Freshman Seminar was a Faculty Senate initiative. We're up 15% in new freshmen this year with 348 new freshmen. She reported on new faculty orientation and asked for comments. She also mentioned freshman convocation. Helen Wise said they have gotten positive feedback from the students.

The Provost reported that the Promotion and Tenure policy revision is on the website on the G drive. It was also a Faculty Senate initiative. The revisions tightened up the timeline for applying for tenure and promotion and the procedure for soliciting reviews. She sent a memo to the chairs regarding academic minors. She announced that there will be Moodle training this fall for those who need it. Rhonda Failey will spearhead that.

Helen announced that LSUS will receive the Spring Street Museum from the Colonial Dames on September 17, 2019. Cheryl White as academic coordinator will devise programming to connect students with the collections. Helen also noted that the BORSF cycle is Biological Sciences and Humanities. She reminded faculty that they must attend a workshop if they plan to submit a grant.

Helen then introduced Beverly Burden as Associate Provost and asked for questions.

Kevin Jones asked about the status of the website overhaul. Julie Lessiter said it should be done by December 2019. Any desired changes should be sent to Wendell Riley.

Matyas Buzgo asked about the Faculty Handbook. Helen said it was on the G-drive.

Doug Bible asked if there was a directory to find faculty by the various departments. The short answer was no.

Strategic Initiatives Report

Julie Lessiter reported that enrollment is up 20% overall, 15% for first-time freshmen. The number of continuing students is also up. Many people have worked hard to achieve this, and she noted Noel-Levitz's role. We are also up in face-to-face students. She reported that the Thinking Space is almost ready. Lights have come in for the cyber-collaboratory. She wrote a successful grant for \$1.2 million to State Economic Development to give our graduates digital dexterity to make sure they have cutting edge ability. She is looking at adding some certificate programs as well. She believes it will differentiate us in how we teach as well as learn. We are hiring a technology consultant to help tie into the Health Science Center. The cyber-collaboratory will serve all majors not just science. She reported public private partnerships across campus to bring in hands-on experiences for students.

Other Business:

Bill Wolfe announced that the benefits fair will be October 8 at 10:00 am in the UC Ballroom.

Doug Bible reminded everyone if they want to get something on the agenda for a Faculty Senate meeting, to let him know. The Executive Committee meeting will be a week before the regular meeting.

New business:

President Bible called for the election of Parliamentarian. Helen Wise nominated Tom DuBose for Parliamentarian and Russ Perry seconded. The motion was approved.

President Bible then called for election of at-large members of the executive committee. Zolt Lengvarszky and Kevin Jones. Russ Perry moved to approve the nominations and Matyas Buzgo seconded. The motion was approved.

President Bible passed out committee assignments sheet. The Policy and Personnel Committee required elections, which are completed. Beverly Burden brought up the Board of Student Conduct. There are five members and they serve five-year terms. The Executive Committee recommended a motion to approve committee assignments. Doug noted that he did not have all the non-voting members listed; this is mainly the faculty. He will add any missing information. Matyas pointed out that Katie Chavis is the new chair of Curricula and Courses. A motion to accept the committee assignments was made by Corey Coehoorn, second by Matyas. The motion was approved.

Old business:

There was no old business

Observations and concerns:

There were no observations or concerns raised.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Matyas Buzgo moved for adjournment and Tom Dubose seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 4:06. p.m.