

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 3PM
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER 3:02

Cory Coehoorn, Doug Bible, Laura McLemore, Aadel Darrat, Syed Zaidi, Allen Garcie, Harvey Rubin, Helen Wise, Lee Purvis, Minsum Kim, Roger Zhao, Claire Joa, Brian Salvatore

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Doug Bible congratulated everyone on good attendance. He observed that the campus has a lot going on with the Physical Plant and transition to LSU Online and the search for a dean in the College of Business. Athletics are back in action. Baseball has been playing, and both men and women's soccer teams have been playing. Basketball has had a pass. Vaccinations are moving ahead with a list being compiled for educators. He noted that water was coming down the stairs in the BE Building.

IV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. Chancellor: Larry Clark confirmed that there were two water leaks in the BE building--one in the stairwell and another near the breakroom on the third floor. He complemented the Facilities team, who has been great and put in a lot of hours. Water breaks on campus are being addressed. The current challenge is water pressure. We don't have enough for fire suppression. The sprinklers are working in the Library, BE building, and some other buildings on the north side of campus but other buildings are not. The problem is being addressed, but that is why we cannot be on campus. He emphasized the importance of being able to switch quickly to online. He thought we would be able to come back by Thursday but he doesn't know for sure. He thanked faculty for the job they've been doing. Dr. Clark asked anyone coming on campus to come between 8 am and 4:30 pm and let campus police know when they'll be coming. It is a state rule. Matyas Buzgo asked about getting early notice of changes because some students have to drive to campus from beyond Shreveport. Dr. Clark said faculty and students will stay home the rest of the week. Employees may come back on campus this Thursday.

Dr. Clark noted that women's and men's basketball teams are both conference champions. In regard to vaccinations there has been an effort by the Board of Regents to try to get faculty moved up to K-12 priority. He has been asked how many teaching face-to-face have been vaccinated so he hopes that is a sign something is about to happen, but there's no news yet. He reported that we were having ten to twelve new cases per week as of last week. Testing resumes next week. On Wednesday, February 24, there will be a zoom meeting with north Louisiana legislators for an LSU system update. Dr. Clark noted we were treated well by the legislature last year. In the legislature this year we have IT support matters in a bill we hope to get through. Peter Siska asked who was invited to Galligan's meeting with the legislators. Dr. Clark doesn't know if media is invited. He will be the only person from LSUS. It is LSU's

meeting not ours. He will report at the LPC meeting on Friday, February 26. Allen Garcie asked about vaccination time off. Dr. Clark said neither faculty nor staff have been required to get vaccinations, but they have been allowing staff who can to take time during the day to get vaccinated without having to take leave time. If there is a mandate, it will probably be in the fall, and it will be system-wide. He urged everyone who has the opportunity to take the vaccine to do so.

B: Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Purchasing: Bill Wolfe gave an explanation of how availability of the vaccine is determined and when it might become mandatory. He thinks once the nation moves beyond the Emergency Use Authorization and gives Permanent Use Authorizations, vaccinations might become mandatory. He encouraged everyone who is currently eligible to get vaccinated on their own. Registration on LSUHSC website is very easy.

C. Provost: Beverly Burden gave a report for Helen Taylor. Helen asked deans to schedule for the fall session as if we are going back 100% face to face in the fall. This is the national trend. Beverly emphasized that the vaccines are RNA vaccines and very safe. Deadlines for faculty Research & Development grants and sabbaticals have been extended by one week. Applications are due to the deans by Monday, March 1. They will now be due to the Faculty R & D Committee on March 8. Anyone with questions should email Beverly or Binshan Lin. In addition, the policy statement will be updated to clarify the new situation. She encouraged everyone to update their phones to the new RAVE system. She announced that Amanda Lewis, who has been very ill, is now back home. The deans are making a list of who needs to be vaccinated and who has been. Scott Hardwick noted that the Docusign "Sign Now" button advances to the actual form to fill out. This has caused confusion. Beverly asked Scott to send out an email with this Docusign information.

D. Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs: Barbie Cannon reported that awnings protecting facilities equipment came down and will have to be repaired. Pipes burst at Red River Watershed. Facilities Services is cleaning up the BE building. The roof issue is being repaired. The Science Building contractor worked two days last week and today and will still be able to meet the schedule for completion. Barbie reported that 13,000 pounds of chemicals were picked up and properly disposed of. She will ask deans to work with chairs and administrative assistants to write up and process surplus still in the Science Building so it can be picked up. It can't be picked up until the proper forms have been filled out. Anyone with questions can reach out to Bill Wolfe. Major projects are slowing down. Work has been approved on air handling for the Technology Center and Collaboratory. The bridge project will go to engineering in April. An architect will be chosen for the Science Building and Technology Center projects. Barbie mentioned a new explanation on travel regulations put together by Accounting Services. The state travel agency has changed. She encouraged everyone to review this information when it comes out. Matyas Buzgo said he had filled out surplus paperwork multiple times and would like to see the surplus for which paperwork has been done moved out. That would help with review of remaining material. Barbie said faculty should not have to fill out the paperwork. That should be done by administrative assistants. She promised to ask Bill Wolfe to pull the paperwork he has, see what he has that has not been moved, and get any items that

are authorized removed to Baton Rouge. Dr. Clark said Helen Taylor would get with faculty to clear up what has been processed. Barbie said Art was planning for Facilities to do a deep cleaning of the building when all the work was completed. Peter Siska asked what kind of cleaning would be done? Barbie said contractors' work is going by floors. Facilities Services is doing the best it can do with what remains in the building, floors, surface tops, and so forth.

E. Dean of the Library: Brian Sherman reported that the library is preparing for Student Development to come into the library. Some material will be digitized so it can be made available remotely. This will be material that is not in our e-library currently. The library will be doing the scanning in-house. Brian will be on the agenda for the LPC meeting Friday at 2:00 p.m. to present an impact report for the library.

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. First Year Experience Helen Wise reintroduced Russ Perry's motion for the Faculty Senate to task the Provost's office with forming an advisory council made up of faculty to oversee course changes for First Year Experience. Harvey Rubin seconded. Matyas Buzgo asked the difference between council and committee. Helen explained the council would not be ad hoc as the committee was. Voting was conducted in Chat. Motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Extension of application deadlines for Faculty Research & Development Grants referenced above in Provost's report.

VIII. OBSERVATIONS & CONCERNS

Syed Noor, who offices in the BE Building, asked about VPN because he teaches online and doesn't want to keep student data on his laptop. He needs access to student data on his office PC. Chancellor Clark said we will look into that offline. Matyas Buzgo also wanted VPN. With more and more online, he thinks that faculty need to have VPN remote access because they don't want to keep student data on their laptops. Laptops can be stolen. Scott noted that faculty can put their files in One Drive and access them from home. Due to security reasons, IT is calling some VPNs back. He warned that in the future, because of more security policies from LSU, we may become more locked down. Larry again suggested this be hashed out offline and promised to try to find a solution.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. McLemore, Secretary