

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Friday, May 7, 2021, 3PM
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER: 3:02 PM

II. PRESENT: Cory Coehoorn, Doug Bible, Helen Wise, Allen Garcie, Laura McLemore, Lee Purvis, Roger Zhao, Matyas Buzgo, Claire Joa, Adel Darrat, Harvey Rubin, Syed Zaidi, Minsun Kim

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April meeting were corrected to reflect that Harvey Rubin was present for the meeting. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Doug Bible welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that we would be open for vaccinations at LSUS next week, and the conference baseball tournament is in progress. He also mentioned the Alumni Car Show would be taking place at LSUS tomorrow. He reminded everyone that only senators were supposed to ask questions of administrators. He briefly reviewed the agenda for today's meeting including an update on the HPE building and election of senate officers. Doug expressed hope that we might be able to meet face-to-face next fall. He announced that Allen Garcie has been re-elected to the Faculty Senate from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Felice Williams was elected to represent the College of Business. The College of Business dean's search is underway; they had an interview this week and will have two more next week. Doug reported that he had conducted a survey regarding the continued use of recordings for face-to-face classes. He received ten anonymous responses. The results were 100% agreement that recording of face-to-face classes should not be required in the fall but that we should retain that option. Doug attended the LSU candidate presentations this week and noted that William Tate had been selected as the next president of LSU System. He thanked all the senators for their assistance this past year, especially Laura for keeping the minutes and Cory for hosting the Zoom meetings.

V. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

a. Chancellor: Dr. Clark noted the historic decision yesterday by the Board of Supervisors to name William Tate the first African-American to head LSU. All three candidates came to Shreveport on The Athletic Foundation jet. They were asked a series of questions by the Board of Supervisors, and all three expressed surprise and pleasure at what they saw at LSU Shreveport. William Tate stated that the most memorable event in their tour of the LSU campuses was the cyber-collaboratory at LSUS. We got high marks otherwise from all three candidates. Jim Henderson and Kelvin Droegemeir were the other two candidates. Dr. Clark thought all three were excellent candidates. He thanked everyone who helped with the visits to the campus, especially Wendell Riley and Julie Lessiter. Six questions were presented between LSUS and LSUSHSC. Three of the questions that were used were submitted by Laura McLemore, Gary Joiner, and Helen Wise. Dr. Clark asked a staff question, and two questions came from LSUSHSC. He mentioned that when Tate was interviewed with the search committee, he mentioned that the one Business course he had taken in his life was a course he had taken from

Dr. Clark years ago, so his former student is now the president of the LSU System. He noted that graduation is coming up in two weeks and expressed his strong desire that we be back to regular commencements in the future, hopefully by August and for sure by December. There will be two commencements this spring that will be hybrid/virtual.

b. Provost: Helen Taylor remarked how difficult this semester had been for everybody and noted dates for the various semesters. She is looking forward to a great summer. She announced that Amanda Lewis, who has been out since January, has returned to work and has written a testimonial about her experience with Covid-19. Bill Wolfe's office is soliciting testimonials to encourage people to get vaccinated. She thanked everyone on their work. Matyas Buzgo remarked that recordings for some classes, like labs, do not make much sense because they don't provide any content. Dr. Taylor said she would like to study the issue of recording further but believes the recordings should continue and be sent to students at the discretion of the instructor. If the classes are recorded, we have the option to go back even weeks later, to send them to the students. A discussion followed with contributions from Lee Purvis, Allen Garcie, and Matyas. Helen said she did understand that making all the class recordings available to all the students might disincentivize students to attend class, but she believed a compromise was possible. Doug Bible noted that this had been the purpose of the survey and the results clearly showed that faculty who responded favored keeping the option to record classes. He asked Scott Hardwick to weigh in. Scott indicated that LSUS could not keep the recordings long-term. He noted that there were also FERPA issues with retaining them. It was never IT's intent that the recordings would be kept for future use. Right now, they retain them for one semester. He indicated willingness to show faculty how to store lectures on their own hard drives.

c. Business Affairs: Barbie Cannon noted that end-of-year budget and purchasing related emails would be going out soon. She reported that LSUS had contracted with Sustainability Partners to install high-speed internet in the campus apartments. Work will begin soon. It should be ready by fall, depending on the availability of materials. Business Affairs staff went off-campus for training. They have follow-up work to do within the departments to improve communication. The training facilitator was very complimentary of the LSUS group. Business Affairs is trying to complete current projects at this time. She commented on the budget process in the Louisiana Legislature. So far the budget for higher education seems positive, but it all remains to be seen.

d. Strategic Initiatives: Julie Lessiter reported that her department is wrapping up the semester and preparing for graduation and the beginning of summer sessions next Monday. They are preparing for the transition to LSU Online every day.

e. Student Affairs: Paula Atkins reported no announcements. Her department is winding down the semester and preparing for fall. She thanked the Student Development team, who have worked very hard this year to support students in innovative ways. The number of students accessing Student Services has remained consistent despite the unusually challenging year. She also thanked faculty and staff for helping students along despite much difficulty. She announced that there were probably significant Title IX changes coming and Student Affairs would keep everyone informed as they learn of policy changes. We will be taking our lead from the Baton Rouge campus. Helen Wise thanked Paula and her staff for going above and beyond this year.

f. Human Resources: Bill Wolfe announced another vaccination day on Tuesday, May 11, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, with refreshments and entertainment provided. People in the community are welcome. Matyas Buzgo asked if people who are vaccinated could take masks off in classrooms. Bill said not for the time being. He explained that there were not enough people vaccinated in the community, noting that only seventy-four students have reported receiving a vaccination. He said we need to get to seventy-five or eight percent vaccinated in order to open up fully. Allen Garcie asked if students might be anxious about returning in the fall. Julie Lessiter said there was no indication of that at this point, and Bill Wolfe said that we were doing about what other institutions are doing. Public institutions can't require students wear masks until vaccines are fully approved by the FDA.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cory Coehoorn, Kinesiology & Health Sciences, reported on the HPE labs with a PowerPoint presentation that featured some of the new technology that will be installed. Some of it is already up and running, like the motion analysis lab. Next week, a physical therapist is coming to do some motion capture with a brace he printed in the cyber-collaboratory. Cory also described a collaboration with an external company, Fitnessity, that will send clients to LSUS in a partnership to do testing in the community. Cory reported that he has been doing community testing, and the local cross-fit gyms, running groups, and high schools are very excited about it for testing and also research. Research projects with LSU Health and other universities are already underway. Lee Purvis asked if the services would be free to the community. Cory responded that there will be a fee associated with them. Discussion followed about the potential faculty interest.

b. Doug White, Center For Business & Economic Research, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Census Information Center. He offered help to anyone wanting to obtain and analyze census data. He pointed out specifically some of Louisiana's 2020 census results that will be used in congressional and legislative redistricting. He said the 2020 Census will be published on September 30. The Census Bureau is instituting a new policy they call "differential privacy," which means they are going to introduce "noise" into the data as a privacy security measure. There is debate as to the efficaciousness of this measure, which could affect the date of the data release. Doug encouraged anyone interested in help with census data sets (or 2020 Census swag) to contact him. Matyas Buzgo and Doug Bible commented on the importance of keeping up with this data.

c. HPE Building Multi-Recreational Event Center Task Force: Doug Bible volunteered to serve as Senate Representative for Chancellor's Task Force for Multi-Purpose Recreation Center in the HPE Building. Helen Wise offered a motion to that effect and it was approved.

d. Appointments and Election of Officers: Doug Bible nominated Chris Hale to replace Amy Wren on the Policy and Personnel Committee. Helen Wise seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved. The College of Education needs a representative on the Policy and Personnel Committee but does not have a tenured faculty member available to serve. Doug will look into what should be done in this circumstance.

Doug Bible presented a slate of nominees for 2021-22 Faculty Senate officers as follows:

President - Allen Garcie

Vice President - Cory Coehoorn
Secretary - Laura McLemore
Parliamentarian – Douglas Bible
At Large - Aadel Darrat
At Large - Lee Purvis

There were no nominations from the floor. Each office was voted on individually. Lee Purvis seconded the nomination of Allen Garcie for president. Nomination was approved by private chat. Helen Wise seconded the nomination of Cory Coehoorn for vice-president. The nomination was approved by private chat. Helen Wise seconded the nomination of Laura McLemore for Secretary, approved by Zoom poll. Cory nominated Doug Bible for Parliamentarian; Laura McLemore seconded. The nomination was approved by Zoom poll. Doug nominated Lee Purvis for executive committee member-at-large, approved by Zoom poll. Doug nominated Aadel Darrat for executive committee member-at-large, seconded by Cory Coehoorn. The nomination was approved by Zoom poll.

IX. OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS

Doug Bible observed that the School of Education does not have tenured faculty members to serve on the Policy & Personnel Committee. This will need to be worked out prior to the fall semester. In response to a question from Senator Salvatore with respect to the decommission of the natatorium, Doug Bible pointed out that the University Planning Commission had unanimously approved this action. It has been shown that it is not economically feasible to continue operating the existing swimming pool. Lee Purvis asked whether LSUS had any plans to connect with Amazon. Dr. Clark said that we certainly would be reaching out to see what opportunities there might be from a Career Services standpoint. Dr. Clark congratulated Allen Garcie on his election as Faculty Senate president and offered his support.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. McLemore, Secretary