

LSUS Faculty Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

- I. **Call to Order:** 11:03 a.m.
- II. **Present:** 44 participants
- III. **Welcome:** Allen asked for any objections to change the order of business on the agenda. There were none.
- IV. **Approval of revisions to Faculty Senate/Council Constitution and Faculty Senate By-laws:**
Dr. Harris called for a change in Article 8 to remove some “ands.” Senator Coehoorn moved to accept the changes in the by-Laws . I don’t know who seconded. The motion passed with thirty-five Yeas on changes to the Constitution with one abstaining and thirty-five Yeas on changes to the by-laws with one abstaining.
- V. **Administrator reports:**

Chancellor: Chancellor Clark praised the Facilities team for their response to the power outage last Tuesday. He commented on the Barksdale Air Force conference in the University Center on Tuesday. He reported on the storm that came through, which prompted closure of the campus for safety reasons. He applauded all those who worked to get the campus open so quickly. He announced that he would be going to Baton Rouge for a couple of days. Senator Mikaberidze asked about discussion in the local press about the LSU major campaign, launched three years ago, and LSUS’ small proportion of the proceeds. Chancellor Clark explained the funding appropriations. The question is how we respond to legislators who don’t understand how it works. It confuses the community, so the question is how do we make it clear? Senator Mikaberidze asked how it ties to HR 150. Chancellor Clark said he views HR 150 as an opportunity for us. He’s never seen as many people willing to come to the table to talk about what we can do. President Garcie was concerned with the frequency that conversations occur and the public perception. Chancellor Clark said we must manage the message. The Tech merger has been dropped for the moment. Pressley really does care about LSUS, so we need to work with him, and help him to help us do realistic things. Chancellor Clark hopes all our tenure-track faculty know our administration is committed to protect tenure. President Garcie thanked the Chancellor for sharing information and supporting the faculty. He also acknowledged that we often do not consider all the working parts necessary to keep the campus operating and thanked them.

Provost: Provost Taylor noted that Chancellor Clark referred to a new initiative from the BOARD OF REGENTS requesting a three-year academic plan. She explained what it would mean for LSUS. She thanked everyone who came to the Outstanding Awards event and announced the Academic Awards Convocation on Wednesday, May 11. She reminded senators that there would be two graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 13, and urged faculty to attend to support students and their parents. She announced that Administrator

evaluations are live in Moodle and asked everyone to complete them. President Garcie also encouraged faculty to attend graduation and award ceremonies as it means a lot to students.

Faculty Senate President: President Garcie commented on changes and adjustments to the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws. He noted the hours the ad hoc committee had devoted to this and thanked everyone who worked on it and voted to pass it. He thanked all who joined the faculty senate meetings on Zoom and noted that about fifty people attend every meeting. He emphasized the importance of faculty members attending the meetings.

V. Committee reports:

Student Affairs: Chairman Martin stated that his committee has received no requests from Student Affairs, so he has nothing to report. The committee is in the process of elections for next year.

Admissions & Standards: Dr. Zippi had to leave for class. She had nothing new to report.

Instruction & Professional Development: Dr. Aamodt was absent.

Library Committee: Dean Sherman reported that the Library Committee met in April to discuss the plagiarism handbook online with a Moodle activity component. The committee encourages feedback from the deans, department chairs, and faculty senators. The committee hopes to roll out a piece of it in the fall with the goal of creating something locally relevant to our students. He reported that the Library is hiring a scholarly communications librarian who will assist faculty and students with copyright and fair use best practices, and who will also be tasked with creating an institutional repository. The committee is working on retooling the budget. He discussed changing needs for the library in terms of instruction.

Courses & Curriculum: Dr. Lusk thanked Tracy Lear and Rebecca Bogie all they do to support this committee. She reported that the committee received nine submissions for new courses of which six were approved and three were returned. There were two submissions to add minors, three submissions to add new curricula, and one submission to add a certificate program. The committee has twenty-two submissions to go over at its next meeting, which includes adding new minors, new courses, and a new curriculum. Faculty can see an Excel file that provides submissions and their status in the C&C folder on the G drive. President Garcie noted that adding Docusign had been a help to him in his submission to the committee. He thanked the committee for trying to make the process easier and less time-consuming. Dr. Harris asked when the next committee meeting was going to be because he needed the course he submitted on the schedule for the fall. Chairman Lusk said they are going to meet on April 27.

Research & Development: Chairman Lin reported on the Faculty Research and Development Committee. He thanked all the committee members for their hard work. He presented an overview of budget and total requests and the ratio between budget and requests since 2016. He presented application breakdowns by college in fall 2021 and spring 2022. The committee will meet on Wednesday, April 27. Senator Lin then presented a slide showing outstanding faculty awards by category 2017-2022. The provost noted that Dr. Lin received a special provost's award for outstanding service on the committee.

Policy and Personnel: Chairman Joiner reported that the Policy and Personnel Committee reviewed three grievance cases this year and updated PS 2.15. The committee also assisted with updating the Faculty Senate By-laws and Constitution. He thanked everyone who contributed and voted on the revisions to the by-laws and constitution.

University Hearing Panel: Chairman Kenneth Kungu had no report.

- VI. Continuing Business:** Approval of revisions to faculty senate constitution and by-laws was moved to the first order of business.
- VII. Observations & Concerns:** President Garcie reported that the next faculty senate meeting will be May 12. We will be talking about Senate Continuing Resolution (SCR) 6 regarding tenure in Louisiana. Other universities have created or endorsed resolutions, so we will consider whether we will follow suit. Senator Bible said it had to do with the whole process of tenure in Louisiana public universities.
- VIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. McLemore, Secretary