

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
October 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.  
Science 119

**Members Present:** Carol Corbat (Vice President), Rusty Gaspard, Julie Gill (President), Matthew Stokes, Lisa Bradford, Jacob Whitmore, Jialin Lei, Guoyi Ke, Cole Franklin (Secretary), Beverly Alwell, Richard Elder (alternate for Cynthia Thomas).

**Members Absent:** John Marks, Sona Kumar, Cynthia Thomas

**Guests Present:** Dr. Paul Coreil

**Welcome and Determination of quorum**

After determination of a quorum the meeting came to order at 3:01 p.m.

J. Gill asked for a motion to be made to alter the agenda for the purpose of approving the minutes of the September 19 Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion to modify the agenda: B. Alwell

Second: J. Whitmore

Vote: 10-0-1

**Approval of minutes**

9/19/23: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the September 19, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting. Senators noted that Celitia Adams is the new coordinator of the university tutoring center rather than the director of the center.

Motion to accept minutes pending the noted edit: B. Alwell

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 10-0-1

10/3/23: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the September 19, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting. J. Gill noted that Richard Elder's name is misspelled on ICC member list in the minutes.

J. Whitmore made a motion that approval of the 10/03/23 minutes be conducted electronically at a later date.

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 10-0-1

**Brief guest updates**

**Dr. Paul Coreil:**

Dr. Coreil shared that October 18 is the date for the ribbon cutting for the Dental Assistant Program at the downtown Alexandria Allied Health campus. Currently there are six students in the program. LSUA will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding with LSU New Orleans Health Science Center to guarantee an interview for all LSUA pre-med students meeting admission requirements.

Dr. Coreil stated the Bond Commission meeting is scheduled for October 19. The approval of LSUA's funding of the proposed Student Success Center is on the agenda. This is a good sign and Dr. Coreil expects funding to be approved and a contractor should be in place before the Christmas holiday. Construction could begin in the spring.

October 27 is the date for a campus-wide event in celebration of the university exceeding the goal of 5,000 students two years ahead of the goal. This is very exciting for LSUA. Dr. Coreil noted that LSUA has more than doubled its student enrollment since 2013.

Shrimp Jam was a great success with 600 people in attendance. LSUA shined that night. Dr. Coreil noted he does not know how we can top the event for next year.

Dr. Coreil noted that all faculty are allowed to be politically involved but it can present a difficulty and an image issue of which everyone should be aware.

J. Marks entered the meeting at 3:13 p.m. S. Kumar entered the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Dr. Coreil stated the LSU Board of Supervisors meets on October 20. LSUA is working to obtain a retired military tank to place on campus and a retired military Hummer to use for marketing purposes.

Dr. Coreil stated he met with Governor-Elect Jeff Landry prior to the election, and he spoke very highly of things he has heard about LSUA.

Dr. Coreil noted that we have experienced a good semester so far. Fortunately, there have been no hurricanes impacting the area this year.

Dr. Coreil left the meeting at 3:21 pm.

### **Report of President;**

J. Gill provided a verbal report.

Lillian Purdy has agreed to serve in an advisory role for ICC if needed.

J. Gill met with Dr. Beard regarding PS 202. Gill asked senators to review the policy and continue to give her feedback. She stated that she will also begin reviewing the instructor component of the policy. Dr. Beard stated that she will look at timing issues regarding the tenure/promotion information to ensure applicants know exactly what is required for tenure and/or promotion.

Dr. Beard has asked for the Faculty Senate to bring a recommendation to her regarding maximum class size issues as it relates to PS 209. Gill stated that Deron Thaxton told C. Thomas that he would conduct an examination to determine if the minimum class size could be reduced from 10 to 8.

Compensation for promotions/tenure: J. Gill stated that we need to look at sister institutions to determine what they are doing. Deron Thaxton has suggested that Faculty Senate create a proposal to send to Dr. Beard.

Open Meeting Law: Upon review of the current Louisiana statute, we cannot have virtual meetings. No committees can meet virtually. Utilization of a Zoom link is only allowed for those requiring an Americans with Disabilities Act accommodation. All agendas must now be posted online and on the meeting room door 24 hours prior to a meeting. The IET office is going to redesign the Faculty Senate website to allow committees to upload agendas and minutes. All agendas should also include a notice of a possible executive session during meetings in the event that it may be necessary in a particular meeting. J. Gill will be meeting with all Faculty Senate committee chairs to let them know of all changes.

## **Reports of Committees**

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Report**

PS 202 Ad Hoc Committee: The October 11 committee minutes were reviewed. No action items were addressed in the meeting.

Motion to receive the minutes: B. Alwell

Second: J. Whitmore

Vote: 13-0-0

## **Old business**

### **Policy Statement Revisions**

Gill spoke to Dr. Beard about what scholarship referred to in terms of tenure and promotion. A prior administrator seemed to be moving more toward research as a requirement and less in terms of scholarship which also includes activities such as presentations, performances, and directing student research efforts. Scholarship is more in line with LSUA being a teaching institution.

### **Pay Equity Resolution/Letter**

J. Gill reported that the equity appreciation letter is still in the process of being finalized and completed.

## **Introduction of new business**

### **Faculty Senate Travel, Research, & Field Trip funds 23/24**

J. Gill reported that one Field Trip fund application was received. One Research fund application was received. Ten applications for Travel funds were received.

Gill suggested that all funding decisions be completed by November 1 with a Faculty Senate approval to be conducted by email.

### **Academic Calendar Summer 2024**

J. Gill expressed concern about Summer 2024 classes beginning prior to graduation in May. Discussion ensued. M. Stokes noted there is no break between Summer 1 and Summer 2 and that Juneteenth is misspelled in the calendar. J. Gill said there has never been a break between Summer 1 and 2. B. Alwell recommend that the university begin looking at calendars collectively including fall, spring, and summer calendars at the same time instead of creating summer calendars separately after fall and spring calendars have been created and consider the possibility of creating multi-year calendars. Gill will bring these concerns to registrar.

### **Announcements/Looking ahead**

C. Corbat noted that the PS 209 Ad Hoc committee will be sending out a survey on various issues and it should be distributed within two weeks.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be November 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Mulder 302.

Please send *Pats on the Back* to Julie and/or share at Senate Meetings

Departmental accomplishments:

R. Elder reported that two of our students have been listed in a scholarly publication.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: B. Alwell

Second: S. Kumar

Vote: 13-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.