

Faculty Senate Meeting
November 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Mulder 302

Members Present: Carol Corbat (Vice President), Rusty Gaspard, Julie Gill (President), Matthew Stokes, Lisa Bradford, Jacob Whitmore, Jialin Lei, Cole Franklin (Secretary), Beverly Alwell, Cynthia Thomas, John Marks (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Guoyi Ke

Guests Present: Dr. Paul Coreil

Welcome and Determination of quorum

After determination of a quorum the meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes

10/03/23: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the October 3, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion to accept minutes: C. Thomas

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 11-0-0

10/17/23: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the October 17, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion to accept minutes: C. Corbat

Second: J. Whitmore

Vote: 11-0-0

Brief guest updates

Dr. Paul Coreil

Dr. Coreil commented on the success of the campus celebration on October 27.

Dr. Coreil noted that he is attempting to get to know Governor-Elect Jeff Landry. Landry is developing new transition teams prior to his inauguration. These teams include one addressing higher education and workforce development. The chair of the transition team is a member of the LSU Board of supervisors. Universities across the state are sending the transition team information regarding the perceived greatest needs in higher education.

Sona Kumar entered the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Dr. Coreil stated that Governor Edwards may call a special legislative session prior to leaving office for the purpose of redrawing court-mandated Congressional lines. New congressional district lines may affect who our representative is in the future.

Dr. Coreil stated that a digital billboard will soon be installed on highway outside of campus for messaging to city and the campus community. He commended the LSUA strategic communication team on telling our university story so well.

Several senators asked Dr. Coreil to address some specific issues:

The LSUA Student Success Center funding was approved by the Louisiana Bond Commission. The governor has approved the project. Bids are currently being received and will be opened on December 14, prior to the inauguration of the new governor.

The fall, 2023 commencement speaker will be an executive from Southwest airlines with Louisiana roots. There is also a consideration of possibly giving someone a distinguished service award at graduation.

Dr. Coreil expressed support for tenure and DEI programs at LSUA in advance of any potential movement in state government to curtail these programs in the future.

Dr. Coreil left the meeting at 3:23 pm.

Report of President;

The ALFS (Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates) meeting was held on November 11. Many schools were represented at the meeting. J. Gill said she learned a lot and made numerous connections.

Open meeting law: We are continuing to learn more about regulations, and we are attempting to follow the statute in good faith.

PS 202: The policy is not ready for vote yet. Please send Julie Gill any changes or edits that may need to be addressed.

Reports of Committees

PS 209 Ad-Hoc Committee Report

The Faculty Senate reviewed five sets of minutes dated: 9/29, 10/6, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30: None had action items.

All full-time teaching faculty will receive a survey regarding faculty workload and overload/summer compensation. C. Corbat asked faculty to review and respond to the survey.

Motion to receive the minutes: M. Stokes

Second: C. Thomas

Vote: 12-0-0

Courses and Curriculum Committee

The Faculty Senate reviewed the Courses and Curriculum Committee minutes from October 18, 2023.

School of Education Proposals:

M. Stokes moved to accept both of the School of Education proposals together.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

Motion to accept proposals from the School of Education: C. Corbat

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 12-0-0

Department of Criminal Justice Proposal:

C. Corbat noted the proposal was to make changes to some modifications made by the department in error last year. The proposals were planned to become effective in January, 2024. J. Marks expressed concerns with removing American Government as a general education course for criminal justice majors in favor of CJUS 1107 Introduction to Criminal Justice. C. Corbat noted that this issue is not part of the existing proposal. To make a change of this nature would require a re-submission of the proposal by the department.

Motion to approve modification: C. Thomas

Second: J. Marks

C. Corbat noted that the proposal has an effective date of January 2023. She stated we cannot back-date things in the catalog. The proposal will need to go back to the department for correction and re-submission.

C. Thomas rescinded the motion to approve.

J. Marks rescinded the second to the motion.

Motion to send Criminal Justice proposal back to the department for correction: J. Gill

Second: L. Bradford

Vote: 12-0-0

Motion to receive Course and Curriculum Committee minutes: B. Alwell

Second: C. Thomas

Vote 12-0-0

Old business

Policy Statement Revisions

PS 202: Please send edits and changes to J. Gill

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

The travel sub-committee approved all requests made totaling: \$15,243.55.

The field trip sub-committee approved one request totaling: \$685.00.

The research sub-committee approved one request totaling: \$2,083.00.

The Senate reviewed a new proposal for research funds for DNA extraction from arthropods from Christof Stumpf for \$2,551.86.

J. Gill noted that Susan Myrick's request had been increased by \$75.00 after the date of the initial request.

Proposal to approve funding awards including adding \$75.00 to Susan Myrick's award and \$2,551.86 for Christof Stumpf's award: L. Bradford

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 10-0-2

Introduction of New Business

PS 206 and 245: C. Thomas will send members of the Senate copies of the policies as they stand now with proposed changes for review.

C. Corbat learned that the Faculty Senate at LSU Baton Rouge has a voice in writing and approving all policies on campus.

Announcements/Looking ahead

R. Gaspard announced the launch of a LSUA film discussion group. The group will be viewing and discussing a variety of documentary films. Dates and titles of future films will be promoted but the group will generally meet at 3:30 on Thursdays in Coughlin Auditorium. Ideas for future films include some focused on Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be November 28, 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:

M. Stokes stated that LSU online recently awarded Jim Rogers for the creation of the online History degree program and Holly Wilson for the creation of the Africana Studies program.

S. Kumar stated the Medical Lab Science program received a positive report from the accrediting site visit team and all Medical Lab Science students passed the required exam.

J. Gill stated that the School of Education hosted the CAEP accreditation team in late October and were successful with their accreditation visit.

It was recommended that Kay Blackburn, School of Education, be given a pat on the back for her help with accreditation data.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: M. Stokes

Second: S. Kumar

Vote: 12-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.