**Faculty Senate Meeting**

January 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Live Oaks Room

**Members Present:** Rusty Gaspard, Julie Gill (President), Lisa Bradford, Jacob Whitmore, Jialin Lei, Cole Franklin (Secretary), Adena LeJune (alternate for Beverly Alwell), Cynthia Thomas, Sona Kumar

**Members Absent:** John Marks, Matthew Stokes, Guoyi Ke, Carol Corbat, Beverly Alwell

**Guests Present:** Susan Bowers

**Welcome and Determination of quorum**

After determination of a quorum the meeting came to order at 3:07 p.m.

**Approval of minutes**

1/23/24: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting. Minor spelling and grammar edits were made.

Motion to accept minutes with edits: C. Thomas

Second: J. Whitmore

Vote: 7-0-2

**Brief guest updates:** None

**Report of President;**

J. Gill asked the Faculty Senate to look at revisions of PS 202 she previously emailed to Senators. She asked Senators to not distribute to others until the Faculty Senate has approved all of it. Dr. Beard is working to input all appropriate dates. If any Senators have suggested edits, please send them to J. Gill.

**Reports of Committees:** None

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:** None

**Old business**

**Policy Statement Revisions**

The Faculty Senate reviewed proposed policy changes/edits that have been made thus far.

PS 206: Student Attendance: Feedback on the policy was presented by Senators. L. Bradford noted some terminology changes that should be made. There was also discussion regarding at what point a student would fail or receive no credit for attendance violations but had not yet been removed from the course.

Faculty Senate Travel, Research & Field Trip funds Spring 2024: J. Gill received two applications since the last meeting and is forwarding them to B. Alwell for the travel funds sub-committee to consider. The deadline is January 31, but may be extended. There is approximately $8,500 in funds remaining at this point.

**Introduction of New Business:** No new business.

**Announcements/Looking ahead:**

The QEP leadership team has asked to be placed on the agenda at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

R, Gaspard announced the screening of the film MLK/FBI screening Thursday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m. in Coughlin Auditorium

Drs. Coreil and Beard entered the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to provide updates.

**Dr. Beard**:

Dr. Beard stated that she hopes to soon create a method for faculty to anonymously submit ideas or questions to her.

The deadline for nominations for Outstanding faculty awards will be February 9. Faculty nominee award packets will be due March 1. April 16 is the date of the Employee Recognition Dinner. The deadline for endowed professorship applications will be pushed to February 5.

The annual Mardi Gras event in Washington D.C. was enjoyable and Dr. Beard and Dr. Coreil had very productive meetings with legislators, community leaders, and members of Congress. LSUA is being noticed and is getting positive attention from these groups.

Our SACS liaison will be visiting campus on January 31-February 1.

**Dr. Coreil:**

Dr. Coreil emphasized the need to recognize excellence and take the time to submit nominations for excellence awards. We have a lot of worthy people on campus.

Dr. Coreil commended Dr. Beard for the way she represented LSUA at the Washington D.C. Mardi Gras event. LSUA has a good reputation. He expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for helping LSUA to have exposure and input in the meetings at the event.

He noted that community project grants are being introduced in Congress again. We have submitted a proposal for $3 million grant for our downtown health education center and will receive it when Congress approves a budget. LSUA has privately raised $8.5 million for the project. The city of Alexandria has committed $3 million for the project. The State of Louisiana has committed $3 million. The hope is to break ground in approximately June 2025 with the opening approximately 18 months later.

Dr. Coreil noted that Mike Johnson, the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, will likely be our new Congressional representative for LSUA based on newly proposed Congressional districts. We also have a new state representative, Jason Dewitt. Governor Jeff Landry has signaled he may work to reduce sales taxes and income taxes which may impact our future state appropriations.

Drs. Coreil and Beard exited the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Live Oaks Room. J. Gill will be absent and C. Corbat will be leading that meeting. There should be a number of committee reports presented.

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

Departmental accomplishments

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: J. Whitmore

Second: R. Gaspard

Vote: 9-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.