

Faculty Senate Minutes  
For: 2.22.22

Members Present: Beverly Alwell, Deborah Wood, Matthew Stokes, Purujit Gurjar, Richard Elder, Rusty Gaspard, Tanya Lueder, Carol Corbat, Jennifer Innerarity, Melissa LaBorde, Julie Gill, Sarah Barnes

Members Absent: Kerry Ordes, Hal Langford

Guests Present: John Rowan, Holly Wilson, TaKeyra Wagner, Richard Robinson

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:01pm

Minutes: minutes from the February 8 meeting will be distributed via e-mail in the near future.

President's Report:

M. LaBorde had distributed the President's Report via email. Because Dr. Coreil was not in attendance, she shared information from the most recent Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting. She will continue to send items to Dr. Coreil, along with context for the recommendations and will keep the Senate informed. She reported that COVID numbers had decreased on our campus and gave kudos to Michelle Rozas and Chad Gauthier for doing a great job for our students, faculty and staff.

Staff Senate:

Takeyra Wagner, Staff Senate president, reported that she is on a quest to fill the Senate positions in all work categories. She is also seeking nominations for the Boss of the Year award and for the Staff Outstanding Service Award.

Committee Reports:

C&C:

10.27.21

The committee revisited the minutes and made corrections to their original wording.

J. Innerarity moved to accept the name change to Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice.

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

1.24.22

R. Elder moved to receive the minutes.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

NURS change in admissions standards from LPN to RN program to approve MATH 1018 as an alternative course in place of MATH 1021.

T. Lueder moved to accept the proposed modification.

P. Gurjar seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

BS Psychology modification

R. Elder moved to accept the degree modification.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-1

AGRI 1011 – proposed new course

- Gen Ed status applied for, but no decision made thus far.

C. Corbat moved to table the approval until further information is received.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

BIOL 1101, 1102, & 1303 – proposed new courses for the online majors only

S. Barnes moved to accept the new courses.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

BIOL 1201 & 1202 modifications

M. Stokes moved to accept the course modification.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

CORE 2001 & 3001 – proposed new courses

- no recorded vote by the Interdisciplinary Committee

J. Gill moved to return the courses to C&C for a proper vote.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

BS BIOL degree modification

C. Corbat moved to table the modification.

T. Lueder seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

Ad hoc Constitution & By-Laws:

While locating the minutes of this committee, M. LaBorde asked T. Lueder to update the Senate on the committee's progress. She reported that the committee continues working to define terminology and to propose Senate committee membership.

C. Corbat addressed concerns with current By-Laws and the proposed definition of Administrative Faculty as presented (# of hours of release time). R. Elder pointed out that this iteration of the discussion was from two weeks prior and the discussion was ongoing.

J. Rowan expressed concern over the definition of Administrative Faculty regarding CORE and CTE Directors/Coordinators, saying that approximately one-third of the Faculty Council could be ineligible to serve on the Senate. He added that some current Department Chairs will feel disenfranchised if they are not allowed to serve on the Faculty Senate. T. Lueder pointed out that the current discussion is that those who are administrative faculty would be able to serve on the subcommittees, just not as a Senator.

M. LaBorde recognized H. Wilson who questioned the double vote issue and Senators explained that they are here to represent their individual departments and votes will represent departmental votes, despite any Senator's personal feelings.

J. Rowan continued his comments sharing that the LSU System wants conformity amongst all universities in the system. The various universities have stated that they want autonomy as one document will not meet the needs of all universities. He also went on to say that denial of department chairs to serve on Senate is essentially causing conformity on our campus. Several faculty members disagreed with him and pointed out that his comment was essentially stating that conformity should be based on his statements/viewpoints.

M. LaBorde reminded J. Rowan that the minutes under consideration were not the final iteration and that there will likely be some changes. She also reiterated that the writing of the constitution and bylaws and the definition of administrative faculty for the purposes of Senate membership was up to the faculty, and she hoped that he would respect faculty governance as the committee moves through the process.

S. Barnes moved to receive the ad hoc committee's minutes.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0

Old Business:

Chancellor's Funds – approximately \$13,000 was not used from the Fall semester which includes some funding made available by conferences moving to virtual format. M. LaBorde presented the new submissions that had been received by the deadline. J. Innerarity pointed out that her request was not on the list; M. LaBorde stated she would add it to the list before sending to the committees. The sub-committees will receive the materials in the very near future and decisions will be necessary before the next Faculty Senate meeting. T. Lueder suggested that the Senate consider funding any field trip requests since we did not award Field Trip funds during the first round of funding.

Academic Calendar – most Senators have not had the opportunity to discuss the calendar with their respective departments. It was brought up and discussed that mid-semester grades are due the Wednesday during Spring Break, which is also proposed for the spring 2023 semester. T. Lueder stated that the report/drop dates for the 1<sup>st</sup> session were incorrect this semester. She suggested that there should be a discussion regarding non-attendance dates for the semester, the sessions, and any other method of offering courses. A Senator asked if the registrar had sent the

draft calendar for input or just as an FYI. M LaBorde assumed it was for input, but she said she would follow up to confirm.

#### New Business:

M LaBorde on behalf of C. Stumpf – M. LaBorde shared a document from C. Stumpf highlighting the discussions from the Council of Faculty Advisors. She had shared the document online before the meeting. M LaBorde indicated that C Stumpf was very plugged in to the COFA group and would keep us posted on any developments.

#### Announcements:

M. LaBorde reminded Senators to make sure their departments know that our LSUA students who conduct research can participate in the LSU Discovery Day.

Pats on the Back: Please send any Pats on the Back to M. LaBorde.

Suggested for this meeting were Facility Services for their work across campus and Jim Rogers for his work as the Secretary for the Constitution & By-Laws Ad-hoc Committee

B. Alwell pointed out that the Administrative Committees have some members who are no longer at the university stating that L. Carroll is listed on the Grade Appeals Committee. J Rowan made note of this.

For Departmental Accomplishments, H. Wilson stated that M. Stokes had a memoir published, that G. Jones had a book of online teaching articles published, and that she had an article published in that book.

J. Rowan asked if faculty representation on the Board of Supervisors was still important to faculty. The senate responded with a resounding “yes” and M. LaBorde shared that the incoming Board of Supervisors chair was aware of this since the two had discussed it.

B. Alwell stated that R. Jones had a response published in the Wall Street Journal.

#### Next Meeting:

March 8, 2022

#### Adjournment:

4:24p

D. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-0-0