

Faculty Senate Minutes
For: 10/25/2022

Members Present: Rusty Gaspard, Purujit Gurjar, Sarah Barnes, Beverly Alwell, Elise Guillory (alternate), Richard Elder (alternate), Matthew Stokes, Jennifer Innerarity, David Shanks (alternate), Carol Corbat, Julie Gill

Members Absent: Kerry Ordes, Mary Kay Sunderhaus, GuoYi Ke

Guests Present: John Rowan, Paul Coreil, Dr. Christof Stumpf

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Minutes: 10/11

C. Corbat motion to accept the minutes

J. Innerarity seconded the motion

Vote: 9-0-2

Brief Guest Updates:

Report from Provost: Dr. Rowan stated that he and J. Gill will be a part of a retreat Friday to address enrollment and on campus enrollment. On-campus enrollment is flat, but steadily going down; however, this decline is not as sharp as it is in other schools. Dr. Rowan said we want to keep an eye on face-to-face numbers.

Next, Dr. Rowan stated that registration has begun for spring. He asked faculty to please reach out to advisees and for us to do everything we can now to get them registered. The other thing – because it will impact the speed at which we get new programs in place, we are getting some direction from BOR that is confusing. To propose new programs, we used to have to put forward a letter of intent to Board of Supervisors and Board of Regents, followed by a proposal. However, in order to get programs in place quickly for LSU Online, there was an effort to do away with letter of intent. This change went through. Therefore, now only a full proposal is required. Within the last week, we learned that they would not even consider proposals that were not part of a three-year academic plan that was submitted several months ago. They did ask every public institution for a three-year plan that included possible programs that could be developed. LSUA submitted such a plan. However, now, BOR is saying that if a program wasn't on that plan, it would not be considered.

Dr. Rowan concluded by saying that these changes coming from the BOR goes against the goal of being flexible and agile. He said they would continue trying to figure out what's going on with these new changes. He stated that if indeed these new changes remain in place, he and Eamon Halpin will need to re-visit the plans that were put forward and do research.

Report from Chancellor: Dr. Coreil stated that the ribbon cutting grand opening was well-attended—over 250 people were in attendance. He said the event was a milestone to celebrate the aesthetic value of the campus. He thanked everyone for tolerating the disruptions.

Dr. Coreil then mentioned a sewer line from Alexandria to campus that was put in 2013. He said that LSUA still owns it; however, a small university like ours can't maintain a six-mile sewer line. Typically, the city takes over and would pay the fees. Now, it looks like we are poised for the city to take ownership, which will be a big step. He then said that for the future of this campus, people will say that this was a good move. He said that LSUA has had to repair a couple of lines and it's costly. We don't have the technology to repair them.

Dr. Coreil then mentioned that on November 1st, a celebration of LSUA's success with enrollment, degree offerings, and other things will be held.

Next, Dr. Coreil stated that the groundbreaking for the Student Success Center was set for February 10th. However, it was discovered that a major donor, Roy O Martin, would be out of state, so the date will change. Dr. Coreil mentioned they had donated two million dollars and the building would be named after them.

Dr. Coreil then expressed thanks to Julie Gill. He said they had been meeting every two weeks. The meetings have been candid but good and productive.

Finally, Dr. Coreil said he had been asked to chair the search committee for Vice President of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture for LSU. He said that if anyone knows someone who is qualified in this area to let him know. They are conducting a national search.

C. Corbat had a question for Dr. Rowan. She asked if Michelle Riggs Waller was still the interim director of the library. Dr. Rowan confirmed that she was.

Dr. Rowan and Dr. Coreil left the meeting.

Dr. Christof Stumpf's report: J. Gill, mentioned that Dr. Stumpf was in a lab and would join the meeting later.

President's Report:

J. Gill mentioned a previous meeting with Dr. Coreil in which she passed along the advising concerns. She mentioned the Senate's concern for infrastructure and stated that Dr. Coreil was thankful for our suggestions. J. Gill then stated that she mentioned to Dr. Coreil that Senate was in discussion regarding the formation of an advising ad hoc committee; Dr. Coreil asked for a meeting with Dr. Rowan to further discuss the concerns.

Recommendations were shared from the Budget and Review Committee:

1. Investigate some system of reward tied to post-tenure review (the question of different levels of tenure).
2. Merit raises should come only after cost-of-living raises. At minimum, cost-of-living raises should cover at least 1/3 of the inflation experienced at the time.

3. All existing faculty salaries should be indexed by department against market value of professors at similar universities and minimum salaries should be established by rank in each department.

C. Corbat asked if her edits to the advising document were received, as a final document was never sent out after Senators commented. J. Gill stated that she will forward it to all Senators.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Review 9/26

M. Stokes moved to receive the minutes

S. Barnes seconded the motion

Vote: 11-0-0

C&C 10/4 (including a correction sent by committee chair, Alice Blackwell)

M. Stokes moved to receive the minutes and correction.

S. Barnes seconded the motion

Vote: 11-0-0

Action items:

Certificate in Data Analysis

B. Alwell said that basically, it is the same program as the concentration. The certificate provides a structured way for students to pick up additional hours. B. Alwell elaborated on the certificate and a new course, Accounting Ethics

It was mentioned that there was an error in the C&C minutes in the title “Certificate in Data Analysis.”

J. Innerarity motioned that we send back the certificate to C & C to correct the title. It should be “Certificate in Accounting Information Systems and Data Analytics”

S. Barnes seconded the motion

Vote: 11-0-0

College of Business – New Course: Accounting Ethics ACCT 4150

C. Corbat moved to approve the course

J. Innerarity seconded the motion

Vote: 11-0-0

Modification in Minor in Chemistry. Makes one three-credit requirement in upper-level courses more flexible.

R. Elder moved to approve the modification to the minor

B. Alwell seconded the motion

Vote: 11-0-0

Course Modifications to seven upper-level CMST courses. Changing the prerequisite from a specific course to any Gen Ed Communications course. Courses under consideration were CMST 3115, 3116, 3118, 4112, 4119, 4120, and 4160

B. Alwell moved to approve the course mods

P. Gurjar seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

New proposed course: Choir and Culture MUSI 1700

E. Guillory left the meeting.

C. Corbat questioned why #5 addressed MUSI 1751 but not MUSI 1784, University Choir. Also, the need for an accompanist was not addressed.

R. Elder moved to approve MUSI 1700

J. Innerarity seconded the motion

Vote: 9-0-1

Old Business:

Advising.

J. Gill said she did present the advising issues and potential solutions to the chancellor. She asked if we want to have an ad hoc committee or wait until she talks further with Dr. Coreil and Dr. Rowan. Discussion ensued.

B. Alwell motioned to wait on forming ad hoc on advising

J. Innerarity seconded the motion

Vote: 10-0-0

Academic Calendar

J. Gill stated that the 2023/2024 academic calendar has yet to be received from Jerri Weston.

Ps 202-B

Discussion ensued on forming an ad hoc committee. C. Corbat stated we should first decide how big we want the ad-hoc committee to be and we need faculty who are knowledgeable about the subject.

P. Gurjar recommended one person from every college, so five people. C. Corbat suggested that the ad hoc committee look at both the A *and* B parts of the policy. It has been separated, but this needs to be looked at again

J. Innerarity asked for clarity regarding whether we wanted to include both tenured and non-tenured faculty on the committee. J. Gill confirmed it should be tenured faculty, as discussed at the previous meeting. C. Corbat said one per college is a workable size. J. Innerarity said we need to get started with the formation of the ad-hoc committee. She also recommended one

member per college. B. Alwell agreed. J. Innerarity asked if J. Gill could word an email for us to distribute to our colleges so we can all be on the same page. C. Corbat said we may get multiple suggestions per college and then Senate will have to pick. R. Elder said the other option is to have every department represented if so desired. C. Corbat said this option could result in thirteen or fourteen members, which might be too large.

J. Gill asked that Senators forward their recommendations prior to NOVEMBER 3rd which would provide her time to compile a list for consideration prior to the next meeting.

It was stated that a problem with promotion and tenure is that formerly, all members that were above the rank of the impending promotion were allowed to deliberate and vote, but now a dean can appoint three members of that respective department. Therefore, deans can hand pick the committee that considers the candidate.

Policy Statements 210, 203, 248, 249

J. Gill asked if any volunteers will look at these policies and come back with feedback whether or not we need to move forward with revisions of these. C. Corbat said she would take another look at 210, but it was just revised. She will see what she can find on the other policies as well.

C. Corbat said FPPC has not sent her anything on 245 though she asked for a quick turnaround due to the 30 day consideration period.

Administrative Committee List

R. Elder stated the other day that ICC is no longer considered an administrative committee. It was brought up whether the Interdisciplinary Curricular Committee should be a Senate ad hoc committee.

Dr. Christof Stumpf entered the meeting.

C. Corbat said we should codify the existence of the committee since it was removed from the Administrative Committee list. C. Corbat said that on the CurricuLog implementation team, there was some confusion from the Registrar's office as to the role of the committee. C. Corbat also said that if we are not going to have an administrative committee, we need to spell it out, as SACSCOC may ask about Governance of interdisciplinary programs. In addition, SACSSCOC may ask about the committee's existence, as it is responsible for the AA/AS and BGS degrees.

J. Gill asked that Dr. Stumpf be allowed to address the Senate.

Dr. Stumpf brought up an Admissions and Standards Committee concern regarding how Senate committees are considered to be open meetings. Dr. Stumpf asked if an open session can be done via Zoom.

D. Shanks left the meeting.

J. Gill said she talked to M. LaBorde. The requirements were to share an agenda prior to meeting and publish minutes after meeting. Dr. Stumpf said that makes sense for Senate. He said his

interpretation is that A&S does not have to meet publicly. However, the open session appears to contradict his personal opinion. If that's true, then no senate committee can meet via Zoom.

J. Innerarity said regardless of Zoom or in-person, it's whether or not the committees are inviting just the committee members or the entire faculty. Dr. Stumpf asked how we should interpret "open session?" J. Gill said we will need to make a few phone calls for further consultation.

J. Gill asked Dr. Stumpf if the A&S minutes reflect this concern. If so, the Senate will then act upon the minutes. Dr. Stumpf said it is not formally reflected in minutes.

J. Gill stated that it was her understanding that meetings had to be open for all faculty to attend.

C. Corbat said we no longer have a justification to have Zoom-only meetings. We are back on campus, as opposed to working remotely as was the case when the COVID-19 pandemic started. Someone said a Zoom meeting could be an option for those who cannot be on campus. Dr. Stumpf said if a Zoom option is available, most people will want to Zoom.

Dr. Stumpf thanked the committee for clarification and then moved on. He stated that the SCR-6 meeting has been postponed to November 17th.

Dr. Stumpf stated that the meeting planned for October 24th was postponed. Those associated with the committee would like to have a meeting so that the issue of post-tenure review cannot be resurrected. Most would be in favor of having some type of post tenure review, in addition to promotion to full professor.

ALFS usually meets twice a semester, but this has not happened for 2022 because Kevin Cope has been busy. Saturday, November 19th is the next meeting. President Tate was asked to come, but he is too busy for the next year.

#3 Dr. Stumpf is the COFA rep, and this will also be discussed at the ALFS meeting.

#4 the Louisiana Academy of Sciences will take place on LSUA campus on Saturday, March 4th. Students can get prizes. Dr. Stump is inviting everyone to apply to present. Abstracts are due on January 20th.

#5 Darwin Day

Dr. Stumpf said there are ongoing negotiations with AMOA to have the Darwin Day meetings there.

Chancellors Travel/Research Funds.

J. Gill said that we did not indicate definitive amounts for each section: research, travel, and field trips.

Travel:

P. Gurjar said, for the travel, there are 10 applicants. Out of that, 6 are presenters. P. Gurjar said their subcommittee felt like those presenting should receive priority consideration. All the presenters total comes to \$11,720. One non-presenter submitted an incomplete application. Also, one application was not considered travel and was not considered. If presenters and non-presenters are considered, the total for travel would be \$16,545, which is in excess of the typical \$15,000 allocated for travel.

J. Gill and S. Barnes presented the recommendations for field trip funding. There were 4 applications and the committee proposed three for funding for a total of \$5020. One of the applications was for a HIPS course and the committee felt that since there are CORE funds for their courses, the field trip should be funded by CORE.

C. Corbat stated that Research received five proposals and their subcommittee recommended funding four.

The total for all three fields was \$27,688 (including non-presenters for travel). This would leave \$7300 for spring applications.

J. Innerarity moved that we accept all recommendations by the committees and send the proposed list to the Chancellor for his approval.

J. Gill asked for the specifics on each committee's recommendations.

S. Barnes seconded J. Innerarity's motion
Vote: 9-0-0

CurricuLog Update

J. Gill said she is happy to announce the curriculum modification only took 1.5 hours. She had someone there to assist her, but the process was cumbersome and lengthy. Training will help, but there needs to be an understanding that most people will not be doing this regularly so it will take time to learn.

J. Gill went on to share that D. Thaxton has agreed to meet with a few implementation team members to look at the IT aspect of CurricuLog. Currently, the university does not have IT support. We have since found out they have spent \$75,000 on this program and we "piggybacked" off of the LSU contract. Technically the last meeting is Friday, but the committee will continue to meet until the system is ready to proceed.

Questions remain regarding how we will access MCO's and the storage of our materials; there is also concern regarding queries, etc.

C. Corbat said one delay in making training materials was how we are going to deal with the interdisciplinary committee (ICC). Another issue was needing to address how chairs would be able to allow faculty to see and vote on proposals and then record the faculty vote. Two work-arounds were suggested. C. Corbat said she made a video showing chairs the two options; only

two chairs have responded so far—Holly Wilson and Kent Lachney. C. Corbat asked if we could ask our chairs to respond to her Curriulog email.

New Business:

AA/AS degrees. C. Corbat said last year, without any consultation, these degrees were removed from departments and moved to ENHU and MACS. The Registrar took them away from all the other departments. C. Corbat polled all departments regarding whether or not they wanted to retain their ability to keep the degrees. All departments responded except Psychology. Criminal Justice did not mind either way. HIST declined to comment. ENHU said they like the current way, but can understand why other departments want to count their students in their respective departments. MATH did not respond.

C. Corbat said the Registrar has no authority to remove degree-granting authority from a department, so now, the Registrar needs to restore the degrees to the departments as they were previously.

M. Stokes mentioned that the ENHU department voted unanimously in support of keeping the Associate of Arts degree. While keeping this degree may add a few semester credit hours (SCHs), realistically, it does not provide a boost of any significance. More importantly, the department felt that keeping the degree would mean these graduate applications may be approved in a consistent, timely, and accurate way.

C. Corbat said we need to inform the chancellor that this move was done without any authority, and the degrees need to be restored. No department said they wanted to delete the degrees.

B. Alwell said the loss of the degrees creates some problems for their department, hindering some student progress.

C. Corbat said it is a degree granting issue. When students who want to get the AA while working on a BA, another department receives the credit, despite work completed in the student's department.

Dr. Stumpf left the meeting.

Committee approval of new member. C. Corbat said Nursing needs to replace a member on the A&S Committee as the current member cannot attend the scheduled meetings. The School of Nursing asked that Becca Dauzat be seated on the A&S Committee.

B. Alwell motioned to approve the new member, Becca Dauzat.

P. Gurjar seconded the motion

Vote: 8-0-0

Announcements:

Next Meeting: 11/8/2022

Adjournment:

M. Stokes motioned to adjourn

B. Alwell seconded the motion

Vote: 8-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.