**Faculty Senate Meeting**

February 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Live Oaks Room

**Members Present:** Rusty Gaspard, Carol Corbat (Vice President), Matthew Stokes, Jacob Whitmore, Jialin Lei, Cole Franklin (Secretary), Beverly Alwell, Cynthia Thomas, Sona Kumar, Mary Kay Sunderhaus (alternate for Lisa Bradford), Guoyi Ke

**Members Absent:** John Marks, Julie Gill

**Guests Present:** Robert Wright

**Welcome and Determination of quorum**

After determination of a quorum the meeting came to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of minutes**

1/30/24: The Faculty Senate reviewed minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting. Minor edits were made.

Motion to accept minutes with edits: C. Thomas

Second: J. Whitmore

Vote: 8-0-3

**Brief guest updates:**

Dr. Robert Wright – QEP Update: Dr. Wright provided an update on the QEP for the university. The committee is looking for ways to overlap the four segments of the plan to lead from one to the next. Our SACS vice president met with the committee recently and made recommendations to narrow the plan. The committee is working to do this. C. Corbat asked how students will be motivated to take part in the Generals Arrive plan. Dr. Wright indicated that the first-year experience will lead them into the second year naturally. The hope is that departments will encourage students to continue.

**Report of President: None**

**Reports of Committees:**

**C & C Minutes:** December 6, 2023

Motion to receive the minutes: M. Stokes

Second: B. Alwell

Vote: 11-0-0

The Senate reviewed the minutes.

Dr. Coreil entered the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

**Report:** Dr. Coreil noted excitement about the spring enrollment. Approximately 50% of the enrollment is on campus and 50% online. Both are growing rapidly.

Other notes from Dr. Coreil included:

* The university is developing a proposal to add new programs in Ag Science and Forestry.
* Homecoming week is underway and exciting.
* A Distinguished Service Award will be given posthumously to Dr. Mary Treuting at the spring graduation ceremony. She will also be recognized at the Employee Recognition Dinner.
* The Louisiana legislature is in session now. It is a special session addressing law enforcement and criminal justice. The next session will be a regular session. LSUA capital outlay requests are to be considered at the regular session. Dr. Coreil is working to get to know new legislative leadership including Glen Womack and Mike Johnson. Dr. Coreil is working to share our story with those in legislature. People are paying attention to LSUA. He thanked the Senators for serving on the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Coreil exited the meeting at 3:22p.m.

Dr. Wright exited the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

The Senate returned to reviewing the C& C minutes of December 6, 2023. C. Corbat reviewed some changes and questions about the Nursing proposal.

J. Marks entered the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

NURS: 2021

Motion to approve proposal: M. K. Sunderhaus

Second: M. Stokes

Vote: 12-0-0

NURS 2066:

Motion to approve proposal: B. Alwell

Second: J. Marks

Vote: 12-0-0

NURS 4052:

Motion to approve proposal: M. K. Sunderhaus

Second: M. Stokes

Vote: 12-0-0

**PS 209 Ad-Hoc Committee minutes:**

11/27/23: No action items

1/31/24: No action items

Motion to receive the minutes: M. Stokes

Second: B. Alwell

Vote: 12-0-0

**Old business**

**Policy Statement Revisions**

PS 202: No report

PS 245: No report

PS 203: No report

PS 206: C. Corbat indicated that J. Gill has asked Dr. Beard to come to the Faculty Senate to discuss this policy. C. Thomas noted there was a proposal to not allow faculty to withdraw a student for non-attendance since students paid for the class. J. Marks noted that many universities are more focused on enrollment and the U.S. Department of Education is concerned about graduation rates.

PS 209: C. Corbat noted the faculty survey has been completed and the committee is reviewing results. Results eventually will be put on to a shared drive so faculty can see it. The committee has changes to propose including an instructional pay adjustment for summer teaching. Discussion ensued.

**Faculty Senate Travel, Research, & Field Trip funds Spring 2024:**

B. Alwell reviewed the funds remaining available. Approximately $9,000 remains. C. Corbat noted that J. Gill asked to reduce her request from $628.00 to $206.50.

Motion to approve the new amount awarded to J. Gill: J. Whitmore

Second: J. Marks

Vote 12-0-0

There were two new research proposals and four new travel proposals. Travel proposals totaled $6,007.00. Discussion ensued regarding the travel fund proposals.

Motion to approve all travel request proposals and the research request for Susan Bowers with any remaining dollars awarded to C. Corbat, to be used at her discretion, up to $7,100, based on her research proposal.

Motion: J. Whitmore

Second; J. Marks

Vote: 10-0-2

**Introduction of New Business: None**

**Announcements/Looking ahead:**

Next Meeting: March 12, 2024 in Live Oaks Room

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Departmental accomplishments

Nursing graduates in Fall, 2023 passed the NCLEX with a 100% pass rate

C. Corbat is chairing committees for SACS.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: M. Stokes

Second: C. Thomas

Vote: 12-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.