**Faculty Senate Minutes**

April 08, 2025

3:00 PM

Live Oaks Conference Room

**Members Present:** Cynthia Thomas (President), Matthew Stokes, Rusty Gaspard, Jacob Whitmore (Secretary/note taker), Cole Franklin, Beverly Alwell, Guoyi Ke, Christof Stumpf (Parliamentarian), Jennifer Innerarity, Sona Kumar, Jialin Lei, Lisa Bradford

**Members Absent:** Julie Gill (Vice President)

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Paul Coreil, Chancellor

Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Provost

**Welcome and Determination of quorum:** The meeting came to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Brief guest updates:**

Dr. Paul Coreil

* The apartments have been approved by the Board of Regents, with groundbreaking in mid-May 2025.
* The state will allow for exemptions on the hiring freeze. However, we are still trying to determine how such exemptions will proceed.
* Discussion ensued on why the state hiring freeze is happening at both a federal and state funding level and how it impacts higher education in the state and LSUA.
* SLT will continue to work with the state legislature for the best outcomes for LSUA given the hiring freeze and the new legislative session
* SLT also unanimously supports an increase in faculty summer pay. They are thinking of solutions to enact a summer pay raise while balancing the current uncertainty of the hiring freeze and funding situation in higher education

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

* Dr. Beard believes that our Command Your Career framework is our advantage during this political climate
* There will be a big push this fall to engage students to gain the first star in the CYC program to foster students in thinking about career readiness
* LSUA attended the Meauxmentum Summit last week, with a large focus on career pathways for students, particularly for early gen-ed “Catapult” courses

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes:**

* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2025-03-25 Meeting:
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 11-0-1

**Report of President:**

Dr. Cynthia Thomas reported the following:

* Please fill out the bottom’s up evaluations
* Discussions were had in Cabinet about the timing of evaluations based on when faculty plans are due with concerns about potential retaliation
* Graduate Exit Exam Results: the results improved greatly in many areas. However, it was discovered that the exam is online.
* She will continue to meet with SLT on the specifics of the summer pay increase

**Reports of Committees**:

**Courses and Curriculum Committee:**

* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2025-02-26 Meeting:
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 12-0-0

**Courses to Review from C&C:**

* Motion to batch approve the Business courses
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* BUSN 4301
* MGMT 4830
* CMST course flexibility for Accounting
* MGMT concentration changes
* Information Systems concentration and minor deletion
* Discussion ensued on the review of the Business course proposals
* Motion to accept and approve the proposed Business courses and curriculum changes
  + Motion: W. Franklin, Second: G. Ke
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Motion to batch approve the Medical Laboratory Science courses
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* MLSC 2440
* MLSC 4000
* Discussion ensued on the review of the Medical Laboratory Science course proposals
* Motion to accept and approve the proposed Medical Laboratory Science courses
  + Motion: G. Ke, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Motion to batch approve the Chemistry courses
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: G. Ke
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* CHEM 2991
* CHEM 2002
* CHEM 3361
* CHEM 3362
* CHEM 4991 – sent back for wording clarity on maximum number of times taken
* Discussion ensued on the review of the Chemistry course proposals
* Motion to accept and approve the proposed Chemistry courses (minus CHEM 4991)
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: S. Kumar
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2025-03-19 Meeting:
  + Motion: M. Stokes, Second: C. Stumpf
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Motion to batch approve the Computer Science and Information Technology courses
  + Motion: C. Stumpf, Second: G. Ke
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* CSCI 2340 - add course as new prerequisite for CSCI 2350
* CSCI 2351 - delete course
* CSCI 2350
* CYBR 2991
* INTE 4991 – sent back for wording clarity on maximum number of times taken
* Discussion ensued on the review of the Computer Science and Information Technology course proposals
* Motion to accept and approve the proposed Computer Science and Information Technology courses (minus INTE 4991)
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Discussion ensued on the review of the English course proposals
* ENGL 4370
* Motion to accept and approve the proposed English course
  + Motion: J. Innerarity, Second: B. Alwell
  + Approved: 12-0-0

**PS 209 Ad Hoc Committee:** Not Discussed

**Admissions & Standards Committee:** Not Discussed

**FPPC Committee:** Not Discussed

**PR Subcommittee:**

* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2025-03-19 Meeting:
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Discussion ensued on the content of the minutes
* The committee discussed the logistics of social media accounts for official university use

**Budget and Review:** Not Discussed

**Improvement of Instruction:** Not Discussed

**Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee:** Not Discussed

**Old Business:**

P**olicy Statement Revisions**

**PS 209:** Discussed with Chancellor and Provost

**PS 202:** Not Discussed

**AI Policy:**

* This policy is being worked on by Senate members with a goal of having a draft by the end of the semester
* We will continue to seek out recommendations of the Online Advisory Committee

**Faculty Senate Funds:** Not Discussed

**Commencement Attendance:** Not Discussed

**Introduction of new business:**

* No new business for this meeting

**Announcements/Looking ahead**

Next meeting: April 22, 2025

* C. Stumpf gave updates and notes from the Association of Louisiana of Faculty Senates meeting

**Departmental accomplishments or planned events:**

* There is an AAUP meeting on Southern University’s campus this Saturday, April 12, 2025

Motion to adjourn: B. Alwell, Second: C. Stumpf

Vote: 12-0-0;

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.