**Faculty Senate Minutes**

January 14, 2025

3:00 PM

Live Oaks Room

**Members Present:** Cynthia Thomas (President), Julie Gill (Vice President), Matthew Stokes, Rusty Gaspard, Jacob Whitmore (Secretary/note taker), Jialin Lei, Cole Franklin, Beverly Alwell, Guoyi Ke, Christof Stumpf (Parliamentarian), Jennifer Innerarity, Lisa Bradford, Elizabeth Azua (alternate for S. Kumar)

**Members Absent:** Sona Kumar

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Provost

**Welcome and Determination of quorum:** The meeting came to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Brief guest updates:**

Dr. Elizabeth Beard:

* Dr. Beard mentioned her appreciation for faculty’s attendance at last week’s Convocation and mentioned a few updates that may happen in the future to improve it.
* There is an AI video statement for students that will be uploaded to Moodle that will address AI use. She reiterated that the students are responsible for generating their learning outcomes on all assignments.
* Another email will go out to faculty to remind them to be clear on their AI use expectations.
* She also reiterated the reminder for AEA activities to be completed on time and that faculty should have dates correct for them.
* She stated that several academic programs, the campus edge project, and the naming of certain facilities with the Board of Supervisors.
* Discussion ensued on holding students accountable to be present for finals week.
* There was discussion about looking into EL0 sections as internship courses
* Concerns were also brought up about faculty parking and accommodation for faculty that have mobility issues

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes:**

* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2024-12-11 Meeting:
  + Motion: J. Gill, Second: B. Alwell
  + Approved: 13-0-0

**Report of President:**

Cynthia Thomas discussed the following:

* SLT was supportive of fixing the final grade change in Moodle issue
* She will provide other spend notices and applications for Faculty Senate Funds to B. Alwell; Discussion ensued on tracking spending and approvals
* McCann Funds are running out; The foundation is looking for potential solutions for replacement
* Endowed Professorship: There are now more rigorous standards for spending the endowment money, with Deans having to be involved in ensuring the money is spent. This is a result of lack of spending endowment money which can lead to LSU lowering their match.
* Discussion ensued on the ethical ramifications of only doing endowments for salary and being able to reapply for endowments without spending all the money awarded
* There was also discussion about circumstances where all the endowment money would not be spent
* A one-semester extension can now be requested for endowed professorships
* Discussion ensued on how this should be managed and accounted for

**Reports of Committees**:

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports given by Julie Gill**

**Courses and Curriculum Committee:**

* + The changes below were from the 2024-11-18 C&C meeting; These C&C minutes were received at the 2024-12-11 Faculty Senate meeting and are being reviewed now.

Review of courses submitted by C& C:

* Motion to batch review the below Cybersecurity courses:
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 13-0-0
* Discussion and review ensued on the various Curriculog submissions for the listed Cybersecurity courses below

CYBR 2500 - Introduction to Cryptography in Cybersecurity

CYBR 4401 - Digital Forensics

CYBR 4501 - Cybersecurity Risk Assessment

CYBR 4601 - Advanced Cybersecurity Applications

CYBR 4701 - Incident Response and Management

* Motion to batch approve the above Cybersecurity courses:
  + Motion: J. Gill, Second: B. Alwell
  + Approved: 13-0-0
* Motion to batch review the below Information Technology courses:
  + Motion: J. Gill, Second: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 13-0-0
* Discussion and review ensued on the courses below

INTE 1001 - Introduction to Information Technology

INTE 2000 - Linux Systems

INTE 2101 - Database Management System

INTE 3001 - System Administration

INTE 3600 - Cloud Fundamentals

* Motion to batch approve the above Information Technology courses:
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Second: J. Gill
  + Approved: 13-0-0

MATH 2259 - Introduction to Discrete Mathematics

* Motion to approve the above Mathematics courses:
  + Motion: J. Gill, Second: C. Stumpf
  + Approved: 12-0-0 (M. Stokes briefly left room)

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

**PS 202 Ad Hoc Committee:** Not Discussed

**Admissions & Standards Committee:** Not Discussed

**FPPC Committee:** Not Discussed

**PR Subcommittee:**  Not Discussed

**Budget and Review:** Not Discussed

**Improvement of Instruction:** Not Discussed

**Old Business:**

P**olicy Statement Revisions**

**PS 209:**Not Discussed

**PS 202:** Not Discussed

**PS 254:** Still outstanding and pending a Cabinet Review

**AI Policy:** Not Discussed

**Introduction of new business:**

1. **Sarah Barnes’ Committee Assignments**
   * She is now a Department Chair and currently on Standing Committees
   * Discussion ensued about the number of faculty in her department that could take on her committee duties and her current committee appointments

* Motion to allow Sarah Barnes to serve on FPPC and I&I as Department Chair
  + Motion: C. Thomas, Second: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 13-0-0

1. **LSU Online GDM Third-Party Review**

* There have been significant issues regarding approving GDM courses with the third-party reviews
* Each senator will get feedback from their respective departments on their experiences with this issue so we can evaluate further at the next meeting

**Announcements/Looking ahead**

* LA Academy of Sciences will be present on campus on March 15th. The deadline for abstracts for students is January 24 but will be automatically extended to January 31. The deadline for competition abstracts is also January 31.
* Students can participate to present research
* Two Darwin Day events are coming up this spring. See C. On February 13 at 6pm, presentations on Evolution and Medicine followed by Q&A will be haled at the AMoA. On February 21, Middle school kids will be digging for fossils on the quad.
* Educators Rising on campus on February 7th with the Louisiana Department of Education Secretary, Dr. Cade Brumley, as the guest speaker

Next meeting: January 28, 2025

**Departmental accomplishments or planned events:**

* Rafael Romero held the first ever LSUA Bark Tank in December 2024. The students that were winners were able to have lunch and network with the Sharks on the panel. This will be a great opportunity for our BUSN 1001 students in subsequent semesters.

Motion to adjourn: J. Whitmore Second: J. Innerarity

Vote: 13-0-0;

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.