**Faculty Senate Minutes**

March 25, 2025

3:00 PM

Mulder Hall, Room 147

**Members Present:** Cynthia Thomas (President), Julie Gill (Vice 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

**Members Absent:** Lisa Bradford

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Paul Coreil, Chancellor

Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Provost

Rocaille Robers, MPH, Director, Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

**Welcome and Determination of quorum:** The meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Brief guest updates:**

Dr. Paul Coreil

* The Board of Regents meeting for the approval of apartments is tomorrow, March 26, 2025
* The governor spoke this morning to a crowd in Alexandria and Dr. Coreil attended
* Dr. Coreil will have breakfast with our legislators this week to discuss ongoing issues of governance of the university and our region
* The key exchange was held with Rapides Regional for the downtown building that will become part of the health campus. This will be discussed at the July Bond Commission meeting
* After being addressed by faculty members, discussion ensued on the parking situation around campus. The faculty expressed concerns about students parking in faculty spots and handicapped spots. Dr. Coreil agreed that this was an issue and stated that he would take action to ensure that this was corrected.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

* Registration has opened and numbers have already exceeded those of last year up to this point
* The pilot for CenLa Job Shadowing Day will be held next week on April 1, 2025
* Businesses and faculty are hoping to expose students to a breadth of career options
* Discussion ensued about ensuring we are meeting the intent of academic rigor and proctoring in all classes
* An upgrade to Moodle should come in and around July of this year. Distance Learning will be sending out information as things get finalized with training and onboarding

Rocaille Roberts

* Rocaille outlined her plans for Program Assessment moving forward in the near future
* She discussed the value of doing this work, not simply doing it for accreditation purpose
* She also discussed how to incorporate this with the durable skills of the Command Your Career framework
* Discussion ensued on the various aspects of how we will begin this work of Program Assessment in all campus units
* There will be a reboot of the Institutional Effectiveness committee

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes:**

* Motion to Accept Minutes from 2025-03-11 Meeting:
  + Motion: J. Gill, Second: B. Alwell
  + Approved: 12-0-0

**Report of President:**

Dr. Cynthia Thomas reported the following:

* Both Early Admittance Days are full with high enrollment from those students
* The Mulder Scholarship competition had great participation
* Transfer fairs for recruitment are being discussed
* Summer workshops with faculty working with recruiters are also being discussed
* Testing Services is now offering services for online courses

**Reports of Committees**:

**Courses and Curriculum Committee:**

* Nothing received from C&C

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

**Admissions & Standards Committee:**

* Motion to receive minutes from 2024-10-30 meeting
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Accept: J. Gill
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Motion to receive minutes from 2024-11-06 meeting
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Accept: J. Innerarity
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Discussion ensued on the contents of these minutes, specifically regarding policies of dual degrees and dual majors
* Motion to send the request for review for BGS dual concentrations to ICC
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Accept: J. Gill
  + Approved: 12-0-0
* Discussion ensued on the difference between double majors and double degrees
* Motion to approve the language change of earning a minor
  + Motion: B. Alwell, Accept: C. Stumpf
  + Approved: 12-0-0

**FPPC Committee:** Not Discussed

**PR Subcommittee:**  Not Discussed

**Budget and Review:** Not Discussed

**Improvement of Instruction:** Not Discussed

**Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee:** Not Discussed

**Old Business:**

P**olicy Statement Revisions**

**PS 209:**

* Discussion began on the Senate’s proposals via email on suggestions on improving summer pay
* Per-cap classes during the summer semester were also discussed
* The Senate agreed to move forward with the work done on the proposals for summer pay
* C. Thomas will begin meetings with SLT to move forward with negotiation

**PS 202:**

* One change needs to be made to outline what is expected by year for faculty for promotion and tenure

**AI Policy:**

* The university Online Advisory Committee has been meeting to discuss the university stance on use of artificial intelligence (AI). M. Stokes and J. Innerarity agreed to draft an AI policy for Senate to discuss and propose to SLT. The Online Advisory Committee will send recommendations to the Senate.

**Repeating Courses:**

* C. Thomas found that the university will allow students to take courses as many times as they like

**Faculty Senate Funds:** Not Discussed

**Introduction of new business:**

1. Commencement Attendance
   1. Some faculty have expressed that attending commencement twice a year is not a requirement at some other universities. Given the growth that LSUA has experienced, faculty numbers are now large enough that they could instead attend one of the two commencements a year and still maintain representation. C. Thomas stated that she would discuss this with SLT.

**Announcements/Looking ahead**

Next meeting: April 8, 2025

* The Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates will be on campus on April 5, 2025, with a visitor from the Board of Regents
* The American Association of University Professors will meet in SUBR on April 12, 2025

**Departmental accomplishments or planned events:**

Motion to adjourn: C. Stumpf, Second: J. Gill

Vote: 12-0-0;

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.