

Faculty Senate Minutes
For: March 29, 2022

Members Present: Beverly Alwell, Matthew Stokes, Purujit Gurjar, Richard Elder, Rusty Gaspard, Sarah Barnes, Carol Corbat, Jennifer Innerarity, Melissa LaBorde, Julie Gill

Members Absent: Deborah Wood, Kerry Ordes, Hal Langford, Tanya Lueder

Guests Present: Melissa Whitley, Paul Coreil, Christoph Stumpf

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:00p

Minutes:

2.22.22

C. Corbat made a motion to approve the minutes with edits.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

3.8.22

R. Elder made a motion to approve the minutes.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Brief Guest Updates:

Report from Chancellor:

Dr. Coreil gave a brief report. He discussed the Louisiana Legislator's talk regarding funding for faculty pay raises. He also recognized the LSUA faculty who attended the LAFS Meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Dr. Coreil mentioned that Rapides Parish would be closed due to the weather. C. Corbat asked about the Registrar's new policy, approved by the Faculty Senate, that has not been implemented regarding the university's cancellation of classes. She asked that the make-up policy be distributed to all faculty.

Report from Provost:

No report was provided for the meeting.

President's Report:

M. LaBorde has talked with the LSU ombudsman and she is willing to attend the LSUA All Campus Meeting in April. She has also stated that she would like to be on each LSU System campus at least one day a month.

Committee Reports:

Courses & Curricula

Minutes: 2.21.22

R. Elder made a motion to receive the minutes.

J. Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

FIAR 2879 – Deletion

FIAR 3879 – Addition

J. Gill made a motion to approve the deletion of FIAR 2879 & the addition of FIAR 3879.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

A.S RADT – Modification

M. Whitley addressed the changes to the program recommended by an outside consultant. The program is moving from 72 hours to 92 hours, but students can return to complete the BS RADT degree in four years. Consideration was given to the number of hours that the current AS students were required to take each semester. Courses were restructured and HESC 1010 was added; students not have clinic throughout the professional program.

RADT 2100 – Addition

M. Stokes made a motion to approve the addition of RADT 2100.

P. Gurjar seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

A.S. RADT – Modifications

J. Innerarity made a motion to approve all course modifications along with the program modifications.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Constitution & By-Laws Ad-hoc Committee

2.21.22

M. Stokes made a motion to receive the minutes.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

3.7.22

P.Gurjar made a motion to receive the minutes.

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Improvement of Instruction:

2.1.22

R. Elder made a motion to receive the minutes.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Admissions & Standards:

C. Stumpf met with Faculty Senate to discuss the A&S Committee's proposal for "I" grades. He stated that the committee did not see where there could be equity across all term formats. In essence, students are not free to specify the time frame to submit work; the decision should ultimately be that of the faculty member, but should be a joint decision of the faculty and student. The committee decided that it is not fair for the faculty to potentially work during the summer if they are not paid. An "I" grade should only be awarded in extraordinary circumstances. The committee thought that this was the "fairest" decision for all faculty and students.

C. Stumpf did ask that if the Faculty Senate had a varying proposal, that both proposals be presented to all faculty.

M. LaBorde stated that equity of time frames, for all term formats, was a concern. C. Stumpf stated that the decision should be given to the respective faculty member.

C. Corbat addressed Faculty Senate recommendations, which included:

All "I" grades should be replaced by the third week immediately following the semester completed.

C. Corbat requested clarification so that faculty members, chairs, and administration know specific guidelines to implement an "I" grade.

However, C. Corbat stated that Senate did not have any Admissions & Standards Committee minutes to approve.

C. Stumpf stated that a documented date/parameter on the form is reasonable and that he will discuss it with the A&S Committee. He stated that a request to the Registrar will include a documented date on the form. After discussion, it was determined that A&S and the Senate were actually thinking along the same lines, and a date on the form should take care of any "I" grade issues. The minutes from the committee meeting will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

Current Senate Elections:

T. Lueder has been re-elected by MAPS to serve on the 2022-2023 Faculty Senate.

New Business:

Discussion ensued on the procedure to vote on the new Constitution & By-Laws. M. LaBorde stated that the LSU Faculty Senate President questioned our voting on any issue by ballot process. M. LaBorde consulted an attorney and LSUA is within the law.

It was discussed that if the document is received from the Ad-hoc committee by April 7, 2022, then it could be distributed by April 8, 2022. Further discussion addressed the manner in which to collect votes. The Faculty Senate was asked to consult with their respective departments regarding whether or not the vote should be by written ballot or an electronic ballot and whether or not we break up the vote based on changes to individual items.

Announcements:

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be April 5, 2022.

Adjournment:

S. Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 4:35p.

B. Alwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0.