

Faculty Senate Meeting

October 25, 2018

Mulder Hall, Room 302

Present: Jennifer Innerarity, Christof Stumpf, Richard Elder, Melissa Parks, Kent Lachney, Missy LaBorde, Melissa Whitley, John Allen, Michelle Riggs, Chris Stacey

Guests: Dr. Rowan, Brendan Walls

Meeting convened 2:05 pm

Minutes

Per minutes from the previous meeting, Senate voted electronically to approve A&S minutes. Those minutes passed 9-1-1. Lachney moved to approve Senate minutes; the minutes passed 9-0-0-2.

President's Report: Whitley sent the report via email, so no discussion was necessary.

Dr. Rowan addressed Senate

LSUA's many policies need review, and PS 202 is at the top of the list.

More campus culture events. Made a second call for his program idea Professors in Pajamas and needs professors to commit.

Committee Reports

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Elder moved to approve the minutes. Senators had questions about the English as Second Language course: would other universities recognize this course as an equivalent to ENGL 1001? What scores on the TOEFL are required for admission to this course? Is this course taught differently than ENGL 1001? Whitley will contact the committee chair for clarification.

Whitley will begin contacting committee chairs to relay Senate decisions and actions to committees that recommend changes. Elder noted the special importance of information sharing for C&C, for which approval of the minutes by Senate effectively endorses procedure.

A&S PS 206 The committee continues to work on wording regarding professors' syllabi policies superseding university policy.

Chancellor's Fund

The application for funds approaches. Whitley will contact applicants confirming their submissions and informing them of the decision date. Subcommittees for field trips, research, and travel monies will meet to review applications. Whitley asked for award recommendations from the subcommittees before Thanksgiving to allow Senate to review and award before the end of the semester. Senate will vote electronically. Awardees must report back to Senate as soon as they can so Senate can re-distribute unused funds. A Senator asked if unused funds from last academic year can be put toward research. Senators would also like to know what monies had been distributed and what monies remain in the account. Senators discussed whether or not unused funds rolled over to the next academic year, and if such a rollover would result in a smaller disbursement from the Chancellor. Dr. Rowan will investigate the ability of funds to roll over, and if the dedicated amount will remain the same despite a presence of overage funds in the account.

New Business

FPPC is still willing to work on PS 202 even though Dr. Rowan will co-chair a special committee to review it. Senators discussed the wisdom of keeping PS 202 review with the committee or whether to withdraw the charge. It was decided that Dr. Rowan would co-chair a committee with representatives from each academic department (including Library Services, a Faculty Senate-recognized academic department despite the removal of that status by the Chancellor). Whitley and Rowan will send a joint message of invitation to join the committee to each department chair.

Riggs moved that an ad hoc committee be formed with representatives elected from each Senate academic department, including department chairs if the department so chooses, with Dr. Rowan co-chairing the committee. The motion passed 10-0-0-1.

PS 209, Faculty overload and summer pay, still resides with the committee. Whitley will send FPPC a request to hasten their work on the policy statement. C&C still needs to work on a revision of MCOs.

Meeting adjourned 2:47 pm

Dutifully submitted,

Michelle Riggs, Secretary

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA

Faculty Senate

302 Mulder Hall

October 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Determination of quorum – Call to order
- II. Approval/Revisions of Minutes (10/11/18)
- III. Report of President (see attached)
 - a. Update from Provost, Dr. Rowan
- IV. Report of Committees
 - a. C&C minutes 10/10/2018
- V. Agenda Business items (Old Business)
 - a. PS 206 (A&S)
 - b. PS 252 (FPPC)
 - c. Chancellor's Fund
- VI. New Business
 - a. PS 202 – Ad hoc committee
 - b. Executive Session (grievance, document review)
- VII. Adjournment

**Summary Notes aka Minutes
Courses and Curricula Committee
302 Mulder
10 October 2018
Approved**

Present: Elizabeth Battalora, Robert Jones, Zeleke Negatu, Sultan Parvez, James Rogers (Secretary), Michael Wright (MWright below), Sona Kumar, Susan Myrick, Robert Wright (Chair; RWright below), Eamon Halpin (ex-officio)

Guest: Holly Wilson (Chair of AEH)

Call to Order: 11:06 a.m., RWright recognized a quorum of members.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 12 September 2018 approved via email vote.

ENGL and ESLN Course Additions, Modifications, and Deletions, and BA World Religions Modification: RWright requested a revision to the published Agenda (see Addendum A) to consider the AEH courses and curricular changes first. Battalora moved to consent, and Myrick seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously, 9-0-0.

- ENGL 3005 (addition) was considered. Following discussion, Battalora moved and Myrick seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- ENGL 4001 (addition) was considered. Following discussion, Battalora moved and Kumar seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- ESLN 1001 (modification) was considered. Wilson stated that the modification was to make the course General Education, and that the course would contain the same content as ENGL 1001. Several members asked about the functionality of the course: would it substitute for ENGL 1001 in all the curricula? What about those courses which have an ENGL 1001 pre-requisite? Would ESLN 1001 enter the Board of Regents' General Education Matrix, and how? What about transfer credits from LSUA? Would non-LA universities accept ESLN 1001 for ENGL 1001? Halpin suggested that a memorandum from the Provost to the Registrar would be adequate to allow for universal substitution of ESLN 1001 for ENGL 1001 at LSUA. Following further discussion, Battalora moved and Jones seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- ESLN 1002 (modification to become General Education) was considered. Following discussion along the same lines as ESLN 1001 (above), Battalora

moved and Kumar seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

- Bachelor of Arts in World Religions (modification of title) was considered. Wilson stated that the title of the curriculum should be “Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies”, which would be more in-line with similar programs in Louisiana and the USA. Following discussion, Kumar moved and Battalora seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- ENGL 3029, 3071, 3073, 3674 (deletions) were considered. Wilson stated that the courses had not been offered in some time, and that in each case the course material was duplicated by a 4000-level course that was being offered and demanded. Following discussion, Kumar moved and MWright seconded to approve for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

NURS Course Additions and ASN Curriculum Modification: Rogers moved for the Committee to unanimously consider the NURS course additions together, and the Committee agreed.

Battalora explained the revisions to the curriculum, and the necessity of adding new courses. The Nursing Department examined its curriculum to enhance retention, and investigated other programs in the country. Other nursing programs (Delgado is the only one in LA, but others exist) have adopted a concept-based curriculum as a method to improve retention, and the Department determined to implement such a redesigned curriculum in Fall 2019. The core of the redesign was the integration of three courses, Theory, Clinical and Pharmacology, in each of four semesters of the program (beginning second semester of freshman year). Students in legacy portions of the program would be transitioned to the new concept curriculum, and the old courses would be deleted. The Nursing Department is anticipating and planning for changing faculty workloads with the new curriculum.

Discussion ensued. Members expressed concern for the co- and pre-requisites courses for first and second semester courses (particularly sciences and maths), and how that would affect cohort advancement. Members noted that each of the successive courses (Theory I through IV, Clinical I through IV and Pharmacology I through IV) had the same topical outline. Battalora explained that each semester course in sequence would cover each topic with more complexity and more thoroughly.

MWright moved and Kumar seconded to amend the agenda to consider the ASN curriculum modification, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

Myrick moved and MWright seconded to approve the modification to the ASN curriculum for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

Kumar moved and Jones seconded to amend the agenda to consider NURS 2064 and 2065 as part of the NURS course additions (considered as a group), and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

Myrick moved and Negatu seconded to approve the addition of the NURS 1030, 1031, 1032, 1040, 1041, 1042, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, and 2066 courses for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

HIST 3003 Course Addition: The Committee took-up consideration of the addition of HIST 3003, History and Social Studies. Rogers explained that the course was needed to assist students in elementary and secondary education, as well as those students who might be interested in entering education careers, with specific social studies content. The goal would be to increase student scores and pass rates on PRAXIS II. Following discussion, Battalora moved and Negatu seconded to approve the addition of HIST 3003 for first consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

Next Meetings: RWright stated that, due to the accumulated submissions, the Committee needed to meet the following week. He also stated the difficulty in meeting every member's schedule, but would try.

Adjournment: 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Rogers, Secretary

Draft, 11 October 2018; Revised via email, 15 October; Approved via email, 7-0-2

