

Faculty Senate Minutes
For 9.28.21:

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

Guests Present: John Rowan, Paul Coreil, Monica Aguilera

Call to Order: J. Innerarity – 3:31pm

Minutes:

The September 14, 2021 minutes were sent via e-mail by M. LaBorde.

R. Elder moved to accept the minutes.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Brief Guest Updates:

Report from Chancellor:

-Two new faculty, Jennifer Innerarity and Melissa Parks, were placed on the Chancellor's Cabinet. Dr. Coreil stated that this will improve communication with faculty.

-He mentioned the jambalaya + white bean lunch that was provided that day for all students, faculty, and staff. Everyone reported that it was a delicious meal.

-Dr. Coreil stated that the state budget is looking positive and that there is a possibility that there will be additional salary increases. There is a potential \$700 million surplus due to money from the federal government added into every state's treasury. The LSUA budget is expected to be positive with discussion of potential salary increase next year.

- he stated that this increase in the budget would potentially help with the much needed infrastructure on campus; the new building is still on schedule with building plans.

- Dr. Coreil acknowledged Monica Aguilera, Student Government President, who will represent all LSU System students in Washington DC in January; she will meet and have discussions with those on Capitol Hill. Dr. Coreil will also travel to Washington DC at the same time, but will be there with the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce group.

M. LaBorde asked Dr. Coreil if he has heard any additional information regarding the Board of Supervisors' resolution regarding the LSU Faculty Council. He stated that he has not and that he thinks it will be delayed.

Report from Provost:

Dr. Rowan reported on several upcoming events:

1. The AMOA Board, in association with downtown Alex will host a weeklong event, the PleinAir Festival. This will be a major fundraiser for the AMoA.
2. The next Total U will be held that night.
3. The Robotics Award Ceremony will be held at 6:00pm

Dr. Rowan also stated that he would like to develop/revise approaches to:

- 1) external funding including allocations/outlines, along with how to incentivize grant security
- 2) Endowed Professorship – update the application process
- 3) Bolton Teaching Award – trim down submission requirements
- 4) Outstanding Award for adjuncts – develop and add to recognize the work completed by adjuncts

He also stated that all faculty who have outside employment appointments must complete PM 11; C. Corbat asked how to know if they are approved, as faculty do not receive notification. He stated that Human Resources should have the approved paperwork.

Report from Student Government (SG) President, Monica Aguilera:

- Ms. Aguilera reported that SG is growing and that enrollment is open, at this time.
- During the month of October, SG will host a donation drive for hurricane relief (toiletries, canned food, etc) and there will be several locations across campus.
- She reported that SG meets every Monday at 4:00pm.
- She stated that as the student representative for the LSU Board of Supervisors, she has attended several events and continues to represent all LSUA students and all LSU System students.

M. LaBorde asked that she notify Faculty Senate if the Board of Supervisors discussion to eliminate the LSU Faculty Council returns to the agenda.

President's Report:

M. LaBorde reported that several have questioned the faculty raises and how they were determined. She recommends that faculty contact their respective Deans and Dr. Rowan, if needed. She did state that perhaps salary equity was taken into account, although they were not originally presented in that manner.

Committee Reports:

Courses & Curricula: M. LaBorde stated that C&C is trying to find a time to meet; she encouraged that they all cooperate with each other and find a time, although it may not be a preferred time frame.

Ad-hoc committee meetings:

1. Policies: C. Corbat reported that the policy meeting was productive when Shelly Gill met with the committee to discuss Dual Enrollment.

A motion was made to accept the ad-hoc committee minutes.

R. Elder made the motion.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

2. Constitution & By-Laws: T. Lueder reported that the committee met once and that the minutes/notes have not been approved, thus far. She reported that the committee will meet again

on October 5th @ 2:00pm. The committee will review the first five (5) articles of the constitution. The committee has asked for job descriptions to guide the process.

3. Remote Teaching Committee – M. LaBorde asked if the Senate wishes to keep the committee or to dissolve the committee. C. Corbat stated that it should be dissolved if there are no charges.

The motion was made to dissolve the committee.

C. Corbat made the motion.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

M. LaBorde asked C. Corbat to discuss charges for various committees:

*1. Admissions & Standards - I grade policies

- Dept Chairs had recommended changes to the policy while Dr. Hatfield was the Vice Chancellor, but it was never added to the policy. They will be looking at it again.

2. C&C – she received access to the SharePoint Drive and IET reported that they are waiting for information from Dr. Rowan. Dr. Rowan indicated that he had sent the information they needed some time ago and would check on it

3. Improvement of Instruction – the IDEA forms need a more thorough look at what is now provided. The new form is more administrative and does not lend to a faculty improving teaching approach. It does not allow for faculty/departments to add questions with this new form. C. Corbat wants to charge the committee with reviewing the current IDEA feedback and whether or not we want to keep it and/or how to increase participation. M. LaBorde asked J. Innerarity and S. Barnes to share info from the 2019 committee meetings. C. Corbat asked if any senators would be interested in sitting on the committee as the majority of members are new without much experience.

A motion was made to ask Improvement of Instruction to review the IDEA form and to make a recommendation on how the university should proceed.

T. Lueder made the motion.

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

J. Gill stated that she has not received any feedback from her IDEA forms in approximately 2 years. C. Corbat stated that there is a link that faculty can access. She will send the link to all senators.

*One change is needed: Admissions & Standards – Lisa Bradford had one more year remaining on the Senate Committee and Nursing will elect a new representative this week. Senate will need to vote on that change at the next meeting

Old Business:

M. LaBorde asked that we consult with our peers regarding suggested changes for the Bolton Teaching Award.

PS 202B – C. Corbat asked Rowan if the By-Laws should include School of Nursing every time a department is mentioned, or is it considered a department. M. LaBorde asked if there should be a notation at the beginning to denote that school/director should be automatically included with the department/chairs. C. Corbat asked Rowan if they should be included with the colleges or departments. A review by Rowan and Corbat occurred and M. LaBorde posted the current PS 202B on the board for all to review. Changes will include two additions of the School of Nursing to the proposed changes.

There was a motion to replace “department” with “department/school” throughout the proposed document.

T. Lueder made the motion.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

Rowan stated that the Senate’s recommendation will be included with other recommendations and that Carol would need to send it to him. She stated that she would include him in the communication with Dr. Coreil and C. Slider as per the Chancellor’s policy on changes.

M. LaBorde stated that only two Chancellor grant applications have been received and the deadline is Friday, October 1st. She will send the respective applications to the sub-committees next Monday, October 4th.

M. LaBorde presented the proposed memo to the Board of Supervisors. Her proposed memo was posted for all to read and she stated that the memo would need to be forwarded through the Chancellor. M. LaBorde asked if there were recommended changes.

Senate members proposed changes that included: soften “business-minded gubernatorial appointees”; M. Stokes will review how to record the date, “September 10”.

There was a motion to forward the memo through Dr. Coreil’s office with the proposed changes.

C. Corbat made the motion.

P. Gurjar seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0

New Business:

Announcements:

M. LaBorde stated that she will be at a conference during the next Faculty Senate meeting; C. Corbat will lead the meeting.

Pats on the back:

Nathan & Chase – for good work while there was no Director in their office

Haylee – her hard work and the success of TankFest

The first CORE classes were offered and P. Gurjar states that the feedback is very positive

It was stated that there was a low attendance for the AI & Healthcare CORE presentation. T. Lueder asked that we advertise the upcoming classes to all students, faculty, & staff.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 3:30pm in the Live Oaks Room.

Adjournment:

T. Lueder moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:33pm.

M. LaBorde seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0