

Faculty Senate Minutes
For: 2.8.22

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

Members Absent: Beverly Alwell, Kerry Ordes, Hal Langford, Tanya Lueder

Guests Present: John Rowan, Paul Coreil

Call to Order:

M. LaBorde called the meeting to order at 3:01p.

Minutes:

C. Corbat moved to approve the January 25, 2022 minutes.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

President's Report:

M. LaBorde sent the report electronically. She stated that she is advocating for faculty with responses received and she continues to ask for suggestions regarding faculty issues. M. LaBorde encouraged all to use the open door policy to meet with Dr. Coreil.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Policies & Procedures Committee – C. Corbat stated that we should receive their minutes in the near future.

Admissions & Standards – The November 15, 2021 minutes were tabled at the January 25, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting.

R. Elder moved to remove the A&S 11.15.21 minutes from the table.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

Minutes: Nov 8, 15, & 22

R. Elder moved to receive all three sets of minutes.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Discussion ensued regarding:

I Grade Policy –

Students must have work at a passing level at the time of the “I” grade application. Students should also be given a time frame to complete the unfinished work. The vote sheet provided to the Faculty Senate was of the committee’s talking points.

C. Corbat questioned if there was a percentage of work that should be part of the criteria to qualify for the “I” grade and if the time to complete an “I” grade was equitable dependent upon the type of academic session enrolled (ie. Summer session, 7 week course, etc). J. Innerarity stated that the committee wanted to provide faculty the flexibility to determine what is considered a passing grade.

M. Stokes presented three questions: 1. Initiated by students, 2. Time Arrangements to complete prior to application, and 3. Updated grade by next regular session: spring/fall session Discussion ensued regarding 7 week session. J. Innerarity stated that the committee did discuss the 7 week format. It was felt that the Faculty Senate should ask Admissions & Standards to revisit how the policy addresses online programs. M. LaBorde asked if the “Fall or Spring” terminology should be removed and include the following: “...by the end of the third week of the session immediately following the assignment of the “I” grade.”

D. Wood made a motion to send the suggested revisions back to the Admissions & Standards Committee.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Improvement of Instruction

Minutes: 11.23.21

R. Elder moved to receive the minutes.

P. Gurjer seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

Ad-hoc Constitution & By-Laws:

Minutes: 11.29.21

S. Barnes moved to receive the minutes.

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

C. Corbat questioned the administrative responsibilities. M. Stokes and R. Elder stated that the committee has since revisited the conversation and the definition is still in the revision.

J. Innerarity asked that the committee please remember smaller departments.

C. Corbat asked when the committee meets during the spring semester.

Vote: 10-0-0

Ad-hoc Policies & Procedures:

Minutes: 1.18.22

M. Stokes moved to receive the minutes.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- C. Corbat explained the recommendation regarding late add policy being restored to the 3 days that had been in place previously as detailed in their 18 January minutes.

D. Wood moved

R. Gaspard seconded

Vote: 10-0-0

- The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees are no longer in respective departments; The Arts, English, & Humanities and the Math & Computer Science departments are the only two departments who will receive graduation credit and data continuity. The committee recommended that departments be asked if they wanted to keep their AS and AA degrees. If they do not want to keep them, paperwork to discontinue them needs to go through C&C. In all cases, students should be credited to the correct departments for enrollment and graduation statistics.

P. Gurjar moved to accept recommendation

S. Barnes the motion

Vote: 10-0-0

Courses & Curriculum:

Minutes: 10.27.21

C&C corrected the verbiage regarding LSU Board of Regents

R. Elder moved to receive the corrected minutes.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- addition of FIAR 3662

C. Corbat moved to accept the addition of FIAR 3662.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- addition of AFST 2001

M. Stokes moved to accept the addition of AFST 2001.

J. Innerarity seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- addition of AFST 3030

C. Corbat moved to accept the addition of AFST 3030.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- addition of PHIL 2020

M. Stokes moved to accept the addition of PHIL 2020.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

Minutes: 11.10.21 (received at 1-25-22 Senate meeting)

The Faculty Senate had not considered MATH 1021 or 2011 at the 1/25 meeting because we could not see the C&C forms for these courses to determine if the pre-reqs reflected MATH 1018 correctly.

- modification of MATH 1021

C. Corbat questioned the wording of the “grade of “C” or higher in MATH 0092 or MATH 1018 or permission of the department”. Punctuation was not clear as to what the “C or higher” has to occur in.

D. Wood moved to return the course to the department for clarification.

R. Elder seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

- modification of MATH 2011

C. Corbat moved to approve the modification of MATH 2011.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

Minutes: 11.17.21

R. Elder moved that we remove the PHIL 1021 from the table (from the January 25, 2022 Faculty Senate minutes).

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

Vote: 10-0-0

- modification of PHIL 1021 with the addition of the course as a (new) General Education designation

The Math Department expressed concern regarding the precedence this could create if different programs change General Education requirements simply because respective departments base decisions on whether or not students want to take certain classes or study certain topics.

C. Corbat stated that the submission is incorrect as the General Education form should have been submitted in conjunctions with a Course Modification form where the departmental vote would be reflected. The General Education form requested changes to degree programs which is inappropriate for that form. The reasoning included with the General Education course paperwork stated that it should be included, in certain degree programs, as some students have math anxiety. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that General Education courses must be applicable to all degrees.

J. Gill moved to return the course to the department so they can complete the proper General Education paperwork applicable for all degree programs.

D. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: 9-0-1

Old Business:

Chancellor’s Fund – Z. Belle and M LaCour have requested additional funds of \$455 due to an increase in prices since the original submission/approval.

D. Wood moved to fund the request.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

M. LaBorde will review the remaining funds and then put out a second call to give the remaining funds.

Moodle courses:

Senators reported that their respective faculty feedback was varied regarding whether or not department chairs and deans should be granted access to all Moodle courses. M. LaBorde recommended that suggestion may be: no objections to department chair and dean access if they are non-grading instructors.

M. LaBorde moved to accept the recommendation.

C. Corbat seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

Adjunct pay:

Faculty were in support of the recommendation to increase adjunct pay based on department conversations.

M. LaBorde made the motion that the Faculty Senate is in favor of increasing adjunct pay to be consistent and competitive with other schools in the Central Louisiana area.

M. Stokes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

Ombudsperson:

The majority of departments were in favor of requesting that LSU share their resource to meet a need on campus.

M. LaBorde made a recommendation to request more presence of the LSU ombudsperson on the LSUA campus.

S. Barnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: 10-0-0

New Business:

Academic Calendar: M. LaBorde stated that J. Weston did not request approval, but Faculty Senate may provide comments.

J. Rowan suggested that the Faculty Senate provide a recommendation for each calendar year, two years in advance.

J. Gill asked if Faculty Senate can make a recommendation that the final exam schedule be published prior to the start of the semester.

Constitution & By-Laws rewrite: Faculty Senators would like to have this ready by end of March. M. LaBorde expressed concern with the election of members for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Announcements:

Pats on the Back: Michelle Rozas & Health Center

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on February 22, 2022.

Adjournment:

The committee adjourned at 4:45p.

S. Barnes made the motion to adjourn.

D. Wood seconded the motion.