

**LSUA Faculty Senate
Minutes of a Meeting
21 January 2020**

Senators Present: Jennifer Taylor-Innerarity, Deborah Wood, Richard Elder, Kerry Ordes, Carol Corbat, Melissa Parks, Kent Lachney, Prakash Ghimire, Missy LaBorde, Melissa Whitley

Guests: Provost John Rowan

Call to Order: Whitley called the meeting to order with presence of a quorum at 8:02 a.m.

Minutes: Elder moved acceptance of minutes of 25 November with 2 minor changes. Motion passed 10-0-0.

Provost's Report: Rowan discussed 7 items.

1. Rowan referred to the email from Chancellor Coreil about personnel and organizational changes at LSUA. He said they have little impact on Academic Affairs except that First Year Experience (FYE) moves to Student Engagement and Testing moves to Academic Affairs. Laborde asked about the class LSUA 1001 since it is academic. FYE will still handle organization of that course. Corbat asked about future changes to the course since courses are the purview of faculty. Rowan said changes would have to go through faculty. Lachney asked the reason for the changes and Rowan said that Student Engagement really didn't have enough reporting to it to warrant a Vice Chancellor and that the FYE, through substantive academic content and its introduction to college life should speak to retention and that there should be a continuum from recruitment to admissions to advising to FYE to the department.
2. Rowan asked Senators if they had been contacted by Academic Partnerships (none had) and reiterated that if any faculty were contacted to stick to the message in the email from the Chancellor.
3. Rowan indicated that the revised PS 202 is being implemented and that the departments' primary committees would be reviewing in spring semester for retention of non-tenured faculty. He gave out a handout showing when reviews take place.
4. Rowan encouraged faculty to do the Take Two announcements in their classes.
5. There was one Profs in Pjs event in fall. Rowan asks anyone interested in hosting one on a week night to please let him know.
6. SG has asked Rowan to meet with them. They say they are getting more complaints about instructors than ever before (not adjuncts). Examples given were threats of widespread failure at 1st day of class, off-topic lectures, and work assigned that is never assessed. LaBorde wondered if this is really a widespread problem or if just a small group is complaining. The new IDEA evaluations and low completion rates were briefly discussed. Corbat asked about the minimum number that have to be completed in a class before the instructor can see results. Rowan said he would check.
Rowan said that for teaching excellence for promotion and tenure that faculty should provide multiple means of evidence such as peer evaluations and review of materials by colleagues at other campuses. There are multiple ways listed in the template for a portfolio. LaBorde mentioned faculty talk about the need for publications for promotion and tenure. Rowan said that the university-wide committee looked at scholarship more broadly.
7. Rowan brought up Chancellor's funds and the need for everyone to have access to them regardless of the time of year. The Senate already addressed this issue last fall. This hinges on however, the assurance that funds will be available each fiscal year.

President's Report: Whitley has contacted Admissions & Standards and FPPC to remind them of the importance of completing the reviews of policy statements they were sent in fall.

Old Business: Whitley asked Rowan if we needed to discuss restructure with respect to Business. Rowan said Business was becoming a college. The other 3 departments in the current College of Professional Studies will become the College of Health and Human Services. This has to go to the Board of Supervisors (BoS).

Lachney asked about the fees presented at the January faculty/staff meeting and if they had to go to BoS. Rowan said they did not because the fees already existed; we are just now applying them to online students. However, for Dining Dollars, the BoS views that as a fee even though they go onto the student's Oakard. We don't know if BoS will approve Dining Dollars at the March meeting.

LaBorde reiterated that it would be good to have the noon time free at least on MWF in the schedule again. Both student groups and faculty committees are having a difficult time setting meetings. She asked all senators to gather information from their departmental faculty on the issue. Rowan said schedules for fall are due Friday and there probably can't be any changes for fall.

New Business: Whitley spoke about the remaining Chancellor's funds and the need to get a second round of applications for remaining funds. There is \$1308 left in field trip travel, \$8147 left in faculty travel, and virtually nothing (\$28) left in research. The application period for travel was discussed again. In fall, Senate will take applications for travel through June 30. In spring semester, Senate will take applications for travel from the application deadline to the following December 30. This semester we will have separate application periods for January to June and June to December. This assumes funds will be granted next fiscal year and awards will be contingent on funds.

Laborde asked Rowan when the faculty leadership roles would be advertised and he said probably in March.

Whitley noted that there are 6 policy statements scheduled for review this spring that need to be assigned to committees and that there may be a few more because of the SACSCOC 5th year report. Innerarity asked Rowan about updates to the Faculty Handbook. He said Academic Affairs would coordinate the updates but asked if there should be faculty involvement.

Faculty Senate will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 8 am. Lachney pointed out that the Together Tuesday events are on March 3rd, which is a Senate meeting day.

Adjournment: The Senate meeting adjourned at 8:59.

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Faculty Senate
302 Mulder Hall
January 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
AGENDA

- I. Determination of quorum – Call to order
- II. Approval/Revisions of Minutes (11/25/19)
- III. Report of President (see attached)
 - a. Update from Provost, Dr. Rowan
- IV. Report of Committees
- V. Agenda Business items (Old Business)
 - a. Campus Re-structure
- VI. New Business
 - a. Remaining Chancellor's Funds
 - b. Policy Review
 - c. Dedicated meeting time
- VII. Adjournment



DATE: January 16, 2020

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Melissa Whitley, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)
Faculty Senate President

RE: President's Report

1. I sent out friendly reminders to committees regarding Policy Statement reviews from last semester.