

LSUA Faculty Senate
Minutes of a Meeting on 28 October 2019

Senators Present: Deborah Wood, Jennifer Taylor-Innerarity, Richard Elder, Melissa Parks, Kent Lachney, Melissa LaBorde, Carol Corbat, Melissa Whitley, Kerry Ordes, Prakash Ghimire (arrived late), Michelle Riggs (arrived late)

Guests: Provost John Rowan

Call to Order: Melissa Whitley called the meeting to order and noted a quorum at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes: Elder moved to accept the minutes of 14 October 2019 with a minor correction of removing a space. Motion passed 6 -0 – 1

President's Report: Whitley noted she had sent the President's report in an email. She reported she had sent the roster for the Workload Committee to Corbat.

Provost's Report: Rowan began by saying, "it's all about the money." There is a recruiting event on Saturday 16th November that faculty should have heard about from department chairs – Spend the Day at A. We are doing better with retention. This year there is a push toward creating more of a campus environment. It started with the Weeks of Welcome and a new event Professors in Pajamas is happening this week. The Fierce for LSUA kickoff for the capital campaign went well. Potential donors seemed to be impressed. LSUA staff are following up with potential donors. Work continues on the Strategic Plan. Departments should be working on departmental strategic plans. A department should have a minimum of 3 main goals. Not all goals need to be done in 1 year. The Academic Integrity committee is meeting on Tuesdays at 3:30 for about 45 minutes per week.

Laborde asked if departmental strategic plans should be based on current academic structure of the future one. Rowan said to create options.

Rowan said that everyone seems to like the restructuring except that there are concerns about operational issues such as chair load.

Lachney asked if Rowan was envisioning different structures for different colleges. Rowan said, "structure, no; different numbers of departments, yes." Rowan also said they are looking at ½ summer versus 1/3 summer and possibly some flexibility in workload between departments.

Academic Integrity Committee: Innerarity asked for clarification on what had happened with the faculty members to be appointed to the committee. She mentioned that Beth Whittington had been one that we had voted on. Others recalled that as well and it was in the minutes. Whitley explained a change that had occurred after the last meeting where Julie Gill was added to the Workload Committee from Education rather than Conley Hathorn because of Gill's greater experience. Parks stated that both Gill and Conley were willing to serve on either Academic Integrity or Workload so it was fine to put Hathorn on Academic Integrity. Therefore, we will request that Whittington, Hathorn, and Tess Meyers all serve on Academic Integrity.

Policy Statement Review: We will stick to the rotation list for review and send policy statements to committees for review.

Chancellor's Funds: Whitley reported the proposals and lists of applicants were sent to the subcommittees. She said the research category was the only one where we didn't have enough funds to award all. There was a travel application that was outside the fiscal year so cannot be funded out of this year's funds. Senator's then discussed whether we could have two application periods assuming that we would have these travel funds on a recurring basis. Senators agreed to an application in January for the upcoming July to December months and an application in September to cover January to June travel, pending assurance of recurring funding. Whitley asked the subcommittees to report back at the next meeting on November 11th as to their award decisions.

AAUP Resolution: LaBorde asked if the Senate wanted to make any statement about the AAUP Resolution that she had brought to the Senate. Riggs moved to support the resolution. Motion passed 10-0-1.

Faculty Handbook: Innerarity asked about the status of the Faculty Handbook. Whitley reported she had contacted the Chancellors office and Dr. Huang had told her Dr. Halpin should do it. No one seems to have a copy. Corbat reported that the Faculty Handbook had always been the responsibility of Academic Affairs. However, in 2014, prior to our SACSCOC Reaffirmation, Dr. Hatfield asked Jerry Sanson to update the Faculty Handbook. Prior to that it had last been updated in 2009-2010. Corbat suggested that either Lisa Mayeux or Angela White might have an electronic copy.

COFA: LaBorde reported from COFA that faculty should be aware that Workday is not secure. If someone has access to Workday they may be able to download information. Also, the LSU School of Leadership may be making training available to 2-3 faculty from other campuses.

Website: - Whitley asked Rowan about updates/corrections to the LSUA website. ALLH and NURS need updates for program accreditation. Corbat asked about faculty webpages and the jobs and internships sites she and Business had requested. Rowan said faculty pages should be an option now (apparently none of us know how to access it). He would check on the jobs pages. Website updates are behind. Staff is stretched too thin.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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302 Mulder Hall

October 28, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA (Revised)

- I. Determination of quorum – Call to order
- II. Approval/Revisions of Minutes (10/14/19)
- III. Report of President (see attached)
 - a. Update from Provost, Dr. Rowan
- IV. Report of Committees
- V. Agenda Business items (Old Business)
 - a. Academic Integrity committee
- VI. New Business
 - a. Decide who will review Policy Statements this year
 - b. Chancellor's Funds
 - c. AAUP resolution
- VII. Adjournment



DATE: October 21, 2019

TO: Faculty Senate

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

RE: President's Report

1. On October 16th, I reported the results of the survey regarding a Chancellor's search to Dr. King Alexander. He thanked the faculty senate for getting a response so quickly. The overall response rate was approximately 38%; however if you look at full-time faculty only, we had 82 responses with a response rate between 82%-91%. I do not know the exact number of Full-time faculty but believe it is somewhere between 90-100.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee on Workload has been determined. Dr. Corbat will be the chair of this committee and will coordinate the meetings.
3. I sent the priorities list to Dr. Rowan even though some departments have not given a recommendation. I will update Dr. Rowan as I continue to hear from departments.