

**LSUA Faculty Senate  
Minutes of a Meeting  
25 November 2019**

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

**Guests:** Ricky Brazzel (SG President), John Rowan (Provost), Julie Gill, Jerry Sanson, Jim Rogers, Mary Treuting, Leesia Marshall, Jerry Weston (Registrar) and Deron Thaxton (Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration).

**Call to Order:** Whitley called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM and noted the presence of a quorum.

**Minutes:** LaBorde moved acceptance of the minutes of the minutes of 11 November. Motion passed 8-0-2.

**Provost's Report:** Rowan reported that we are hoping to get some items on the Board of Supervisors' agenda on December 5<sup>th</sup>. First, LSUA is seeking approval to include online students in fees for academic excellence and athletics as we included these fee amounts in this year's budget and if not allowed to bring them forward, we will have a \$160K shortfall. Second, LSUA is seeking approval for dining dollars for students. This proposal is similar to what LSUE does, but also may not make the agenda. Rowan noted that unlike fees, a 2/3 vote of the Legislature is needed to increase tuition.

Rowan stated that the Academic Integrity Committee has continued to move forward, but no faculty have been involved. The Committee meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 in the Testing Center.

A much more complete draft of the Strategic Plan is to be sent out to campus this week. Planning Council needs to meet during finals week. Departments and administrative units need to be coming up with unit plans.

Rowan stated that on the issue of revisions to academic structure, he had asked the Senate and faculty for feedback before Thanksgiving.

Lachney asked if LSUA could request from the Board of Supervisors that course fees be applied to online courses. Rowan noted that course costs for 3 hrs online was \$872 and it was estimated the market would only support \$874.

LaBorde asked about the Board of Supervisors agenda and was told that all fee requests go in on one resolution. The President won't bring it forward to the board if it won't pass.

Thaxton noted that fee autonomy for higher education systems ends in June. This may be renewed in the upcoming legislative session.

LaBorde asked regarding the dining fee if there was any possibility the idea of no classes during the noon hour be revisited. Rowan indicated he is open to alternatives that allow enough physical space to schedule classes for students. He added that it is not common at other institutions to have a free hour.

**Reports of Committees:** Elder moved to approve the October 18 minutes of Admissions & Standards Committee. Motion passed 11-0-0. Lachney moved to approve the November 6 minutes of Courses & Curriculum. Motion passed 10-0-1.

**Old Business:** Whitley asked Rowan for an overview of restructuring. Rowan said the motive is to make sure we can do what we need – raise money, market more, get the word out, address enrollment cliff.

Corbat asked if any thought had been given to using the two colleges that now exist and would not require any special approvals to re-activate. Rowan said that there was overwhelming consensus that Business needs to be its own college.

LaBorde asked about budgetary impact given the potential fee shortfall and was told there is zero budgetary impact.

Corbat asked about budget management particularly with regard to course/lab fees generated by the departments. Would those be under control of the department that generated them? Rowan said budget management is usually done by deans although a dean could delegate to a department chair if he/she wanted.

Riggs asked if fund raising experience would be a qualification for hiring. Rowan said no, noting there is little fund-raising experience among department chairs currently.

Innerarity asked about a timeline and Rowan said July 1 implementation. Elder asked why the rush? Rowan responded that certain aspects of the strategic plan might not be doable without restructure. Corbat asked what specifically could not be done. Rowan said marketing and outreach ties in with business plan; we may not be able to be recognized across the state; with less aspiration and vision you can only do certain things.

LaBorde asked how a limitation in marketing is related to restructuring. She asked who will be charged with responsibility? Rowan said it's the job of academics who also know the programs.

Corbat asked if there are contingencies for outside hires if there is not a well-qualified pool of applicants for dean positions. Rowan said no. Corbat then asked if candidates for Dean positions had to be current chairs, and Rowan said no.

Elder stated that he is not against restructuring but is against the proposed model.

Rowan said that he had changed the vision of the strategic plan from the initial model. The vision is now only statewide, which does not require as much dean support as the initial model.

Whitley asked Rowan to step out so that the Senate might discuss the issue. There was some discussion of how the Senate should take a vote. Some departments had split faculty votes so it was difficult for a Senator to represent their department. LaBorde mentioned that this was the case in AEH. Corbat noted a split vote in Biology as well. Lachney stated that BADM had voted unanimously in favor of the restructuring. Ultimately, a written ballot was taken with "for restructure", "against restructure" or "abstain" being the voting options. Voting results were 4 in favor of restructure, 7 against restructure, and no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned after the vote.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA

Faculty Senate

302 Mulder Hall

November 25, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Determination of quorum – Call to order
- II. Approval/Revisions of Minutes (11/11/19)
- III. Report of President (see attached)
  - a. Update from Provost, Dr. Rowan
- IV. Report of Committees
  - a. A&S Meeting Minutes 10/18/19
  - b. C&C Meeting Minutes 11/6/19
- V. Agenda Business items (Old Business)
  - a. Campus Re-structure
- VI. New Business
  - a. New student fee for use of cafeteria
- VII. Adjournment



**DATE:** November 18, 2019

**TO:** Faculty Senate

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

**RE:** President's Report

1. I am waiting on approval from Deron Thaxon to send out Chancellor's Funds awards for this year.

Admissions and Standards Committee  
Email Meeting on October 18, 2019

Members Attending: Rhonda Wilson, Tanya Lueder, Michelle Riggs, Chris Stacey, Liz Beard, Elizabeth Smith, Gloria Phillips, Hal Langford, Sandy Gilliland, John Marks, Nate Sammons

Members Not Attending: none

Guests: none

Agenda Item	Issue and Discussion	Action
1. Elect Officers	Secretary – Michelle Riggs was nominated by Nate Sammons, seconded by Gloria. Unanimous vote in favor.  Co-chairs – Sandy Gilliland and Hal Langford were nominated by Nate Sammons, seconded by Michelle. Unanimous vote in favor.	Set meeting once the Senate has sent a charge.

**Summary Notes aka Minutes  
Courses and Curricula Committee  
232 Mulder  
6 November 2019  
Approved**

**Present:** Elizabeth Battalora, Zeleke Negatu, Jim Rogers (Secretary), Michael Waller, Susan Myrick, Robert Wright (Chair), Bob Jones, Sultan Parvez, John Marks

**Guest:** None

**Call to Order:** 11:05 p.m., Wright recognized a quorum of members.

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Committee Business:** Wright recognized his election as Chair, and Rogers' election as Secretary, by email vote of the members prior to the meeting. Wright and the Committee recognized the long and faithful service of Battalora on the Committee, noting her retirement at the end of the Fall Semester.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **BIOL 2201 (Addition):** Negatu explained that this course was an elective and not required for any BIOL curriculum. The course was needed for students engaged in biology research projects requiring statistical analysis. Following further discussion, Battalora moved and Negatu seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Battalora moved and Myrick seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- **BIOL 3030 (Addition):** Negatu explained that the course would allow students to engage in a field-oriented course where students have pre-trip lecture followed by a field trip to learn more about the ecology of selected biomes in their natural environment. Following further discussion, Negatu moved and Battalora seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Battalora moved and Jones seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- **HEBR 1001/HEBR 1002 (Additions):** Battalora moved and Myrick seconded to consider the two additions as a group, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0. [No AEH representative gave a presentation to the committee regarding the course additions.] Following discussion, Battalora moved and Negatu seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Waller moved and Myrick seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- **CMST 2030 (Addition):** [No AEH representative gave a presentation to the committee regarding the course addition.] Following discussion, Battalora moved and Waller seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Waller moved and Battalora seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- **HCAM 4620, 4630, 4810 (Additions) and BS Health Professions (Modification):** Battalora moved and Jones seconded to consider the three additions as a group, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0. [No Allied Health representative gave a presentation to the committee regarding the course additions and program modification.] Committee members noted several blanks and possible mistakes in the course documentations. Battalora moved and Myrick seconded to send the additions back to the Allied Health Department for revision and/or completion. The Committee also unanimously determined to delay consideration of the modification to the BS Health Professions until those course additions were completed.
- **BIOL 3001 (Modification):** Negatu explained to the Committee that the course was modified to include a more thorough course description. Following discussion, Battalora moved and Negatu seconded to waive first

consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Waller moved and Negatu seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

- **BS Biology (Modification):** Negatu explained to the Committee that a Forensics concentration was added to the degree program. Following discussion, Battalora moved and Myrick seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Waller moved and Negatu seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.
- **BSBADM Accounting Concentration (Deletion):** Jones explained to the Committee that, with the Board of Supervisors' acceptance of the BS Accounting degree, this degree has become redundant. Following further discussion, Battalora moved and Jones seconded to waive first consideration, and the Committee agreed 9-0-0. Battalora moved and Jones seconded to approve on final consideration, and the Committee concurred 9-0-0.

**Next Meeting:** After discussion regarding future submissions to C&C and upcoming deadlines, the Committee agreed that it will tentatively meet again on 20 November at 11:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:** 11:58 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by Jim Rogers, Secretary**

Draft, 7 November 2019; Revised Draft 11 November 2019; Approved by email vote 8–0–0 15 November 2019

## **Addendum A**

### **LSUA Courses and Curriculum Committee Meeting November 6, 2019 Mulder Hall Room 232, 11:00am**

- I. Establish Quorum
- II. Approve minutes from last meeting:
- III. Old Business:
  - a. Addition
  - b. Modification
  - c. Deletion
- IV. New Business
  - a. Addition
    - 1. BIOL 2201
    - 2. BIOL 3030
    - 3. HEBR 1001
    - 4. HEBR 1002
    - 5. CMST 2030
    - 6. HCAM 4620
    - 7. HCAM 4630
    - 8. HCAM 4810
  - b. Modification
    - 1. BIOL 3001
    - 2. BS Biology
    - 3. BS Health Professions
  - c. Deletion
    - 1. BSBADM Accounting Concentration
- V. Discussion:
  - a. Next meeting
- VI. Adjournment