

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Walker 1-111, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded
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Senators Present: John Anderson, Dagley, Eisenstadt, Frye, Gissendanner, A. Hill, R. Hill, Kaleem, Lovett, Michael, Nazzal, Stockley, Vangelisti, White, Wiedemeier

Senators Absent: Jeffrey Anderson, Craighead*, Giles*, Hare, Lasiter, Niemla*

Faculty Senate President Stockley **called the meeting to order** at 12:36 p.m.

Faculty Senate Secretary Gissendanner **called the roll.**

The Senate did not have a question on the policy at other institutions and in a subsequent e-mail to the Executive Committee stated that at si

- Faculty workload policy will be addressed by the VPAA before the end of the semester.
- The UL System will have a weekly webinar on Fridays regarding the higher education budget problems.
- Pres. Stockley is organizing a public forum on higher education to be held later this month.

B. Academic Standards: No report

C. Ad Hoc Handbook Committee

- Sen. Gissendanner reported that edits are complete and that the final version is ready to be submitted to Faculty Senate and VPAA for approval.

D. Ad Hoc Library Committee

- Due to the low number of faculty reviewing book, Dean Smith has stated that the book review process could become accelerated, possible limiting the amount of time faculty have to review books selected for removal

E. Constitution and B-Laws: No Report

F. Elections Committee

- Nominations for elections will remain open until March 20th. Online election will occur March 30th.
- It was noted by Sen. Nazzal, that membership on the Faculty Senate should be more representative of the academic unit. It was the opinion of the Senate that this could be reviewed by Constitution and By-Laws next academic year.

G. Faculty Welfare

- The faculty welfare committee voted to approve a proposal stating that classes meet at least once after a major University holiday break prior to the first day of finals week. Sen. Wiedemeier motioned for the Faculty Senate to approve this proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Fiscal Affairs

- Sen. Eisenstadt summarized the proposal submitted to the administration by the ad hoc merit raise committee

Unfinished Business

- Pres. Stockley summarized the issue of contingencies and Louisiana Association of Business opposition to changes to 22 tax programs

New Business

- From Faculty Welfare Committee: The issue of building safety was discussed. It was noted that it is sometimes a hassle for faculty to get room keys and therefore rooms are often left unlocked.
- From Faculty Welfare Committee: ULM should make efforts to link spring break with either Ouachita Parish or Monroe School systems or both
- There was discussion on how ULM would utilize data derived from Academic Analytics

Meeting adjourned 2:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris R. Gissendanner, Faculty Senate Secretary