

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/19/24

Business Type	Item Description	Action	Follow Up Plan
	Time: 1230 Presiding: Dr. Jeffrey Anderson Recording: Hilary Tice		
	Foundation awards for excellence changes	Dr. Arant wanting feedback from the Senate pertaining to proposed changes submitted and declined by yOU committee that deals with foundation awards; these changes include removing portfolio submission requirements, anonymous nominations, and when awardees are told they have been accepted.	Senator Anderson to post more details to CANVAS, senators are asked to comment by next Wed.
	9/19/24 minutes review	Motion to approve minutes by Senator Johnson; Seconded by Senator David; minutes approved 16:0, 1 abstention.	Senator Anderson or Tice will send approved minutes to Robert Glaze to post on the ULM Faculty Senate website.
	Officer Elections: President & Secretary	Candidates presented to fill the president elect position were Senators Johnson and Tice, with both agreeing to fill the secretary elect position if they do not attain the president elect position. Candidates left the room/zoom to allow Senators to deliberate between the choices. Motions for President were made by Senators McGuire & Showers; Motions for secretary were made by Senators McGuire & Ji.	Senator Tice was elected as president-elect and Senator Johnson as secretary-elect.

Appointment of Senators

1300-1324	Address from President Berry	<p>commitment should be fairly light; Senators volunteering during the meeting were: Jones, Ji, &amp; David</p> <p><u>Points of discussion included:</u></p> <p>President Berry thanked the Senators for serving. The staff senate president suggested that senate presidents/representatives start attending the administrative council meetings and President Berry supports this suggestion and invited the faculty senate to participate (administrative council comprised of Vice presidents, the foundation, OSPR, legal counsel, and internal auditor). President Berry opened the floor to questions from the Senators. Items asked by the senators included the following:</p> <p>Budget: President Berry reinforced that the University is being proactive and not in trouble. Traditionally the budget has been balanced on attrition; however, this budget cycle is being created to support the budget from other avenues while considering how things may need adjusted based on whether two temporary taxes are renewed. If these are not renewed higher ed and health care will be affected. The Governor asked the BOR to have all y across the state plan for a worse case scenario of 7-9% cuts (equating to \$7-9 million for ULM). VPs and Deans worked on scenarios, just in case this happens; however, the President indicated that this is unlikely to occur. For this budget cycle, i dependence on attrition, 2 million was taken out of the budget and the budget was based on 3 million, rather than 5 million. Since President Berry took office, 2 positions total have been lost. Positions are being added to new or growing programs, many of which are in the health sciences. u resources across the University. - # increased over the last four years which includes 11 positions taken out during the retirement incentive program. These funds were shifted to other programs. The university is trying hard to identify external funds to decrease reliance on tuition and state funds and has</p>	<p>President Berry asked to be invited back.</p> <p>Faculty Senate president or representative invited to attend the administrative council meetings.</p> <p>Senators were encouraged to submit ideas, project based or long term, for federal funding to Directors/Deans to create proposals and utilize lobbyists; yU</p>
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	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Academic Standards (AS)</li><li>-Constitution and By-Laws (CBL)</li><li>-Elections (E)</li><li>-Faculty Welfare (FW)</li><li>-Fiscal Affairs (FA)</li><li>-Ad Hoc Committees: P&amp;T</li></ul>	<p>decision for all system Universities to use CANVAS as the LMS. Senators praised the ULM IT department in their efforts to help with the transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-AS: no update provided.</li><li>-CBL: update provided by Senator Tice. A summary of</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Updated professional learning center proposal</li> <li>-Draft Univ. Syllabus</li> <li>-Faculty Handbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Updated professional learning center proposal: created by Joanna Hunter</li> <li>-Draft Univ. Syllabus: old syllabus template to be removed; however, this will be put into CANVAS shells in its place and would be separate from course syllabi and would be updated by the University.</li> <li>-Faculty Handbook: Senator Anderson highlighted areas where there were significant changes from what the Faculty Handbook committee submitted to Academic Affairs and the draft received after the review by the administrators.</li> </ul>	Anderson will repost to CANVAS and inform senators when it is reposted with additional info.
	Time: ~1350		