

Council of Faculty Advisors  
Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

To start the meeting, Bob Rasmussen welcomed the advisors and commented on the Board of Supervisors meeting which occurred at 1 pm. The items of interest/concern/possible controversy brought up by included:

1. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, the LSU Board of Supervisors, the State of Louisiana (Division of Administration), and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals that would be presented through the Health Care and Medical Education Committee,
2. The Memorandum of Understanding among the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the LSU Board of Supervisors, and the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport that would also be presented through the Health Care and Medical Education Committee,
3. The campus performance indicators to be presented through the Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee,
4. The presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report on the budget and the mid-year budget reduction to be presented through the Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development Committee,
5. Price alterations for the LSU Athletic Tickets Policy to be presented through the Athletic Committee,
6. Recommendations to approve salary increases for several LSU coaches to be presented through the Athletic Committee,
7. The Audit Committee would not meet, and
8. The number of consent agenda items requesting approval of endowed professorships which indicate funding coming into the System.

A copy of the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting is available upon request.

Following Rasmussen's comments, Kevin Cope continued the COFA meeting. The items included:

1. Elisabeth Elder (LSUA) was appointed secretary of COFA.
2. At the March 2010, COFA will have one hour to presentation faculty benefits issues to the Board of Supervisors. The Council of Staff Advisors should be included in the presentation. The presentation will include topics such as retirement, hospitalization, benefits, and tuition.
3. The potential impacts of the mid-December 2009 budget cuts and a potential coalition between LSU and Southern University were covered.
4. Large numbers of instructors at LSU have received termination notices following the budget cuts. The notices were sent to comply with requirements of 90 day to 12 month advance notice. Whether the cuts will actually occur depends on SACS reactions and possible loss of accreditation and loss of students. Neither event will benefit the System or the students. A campaign of letters sent to the US Department of Education as well as Louisiana politicians to support funding of higher education was discussed.
5. The LSU Faculty Senate is developing a newsletter to increase faculty awareness and provide feature articles.

6. LSU has initiated a once per month discussion series. Topics within the series include faculty/staff benefits; a review of previous higher education budget crises; and information on the economic value of service work. Institutions within the System will receive notice of the events.
7. LSU has formulated a reply to the December 20, 2009, announcement of increased state-wide admissions criteria. Such changes should remain under local control.
8. The 60 semester hour state-wide articulation agreement for general education hours was discussed. In this agreement 39 hours will be a composite of LSU System courses with other systems/institutions in the State expected to come on line. That leaves 21 hours undefined. Mr. Nevers has stipulated these hours are to be used to help undecided students determine which degree /career to pursue.
9. The newest changes on contributions to OPR and TRSL were discussed. A copy of the January 2010 letter is available upon request.
10. Several local chapters of AAUP have struggled to remain active. The possibility of a state-wide organization was discussed and will be pursued.
11. As a reminder, the CLCU meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2010.
12. Senates from the LSU System institutions were asked to make their minutes available online so they can be posted on the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senate (ALFS) online.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Elder  
Secretary  
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