

COUNCIL OF FACULTY ADVISORS (COFA)  
JUNE 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by LSU Vice-President Pratul Ajmera, substituting for Dr. Kevin Cope.

Dr. Robert Rasmussen met with COFA to go over the agenda for the afternoon meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS). In addition to listing of the items to be discussed, Dr. Rasmussen commented that terms for four BOS members expired June 1, 2010, but that replacements had not been named by Governor Jindal.

Other items discussed included:

1. Several LSU programs such as the foreign language programs in German and Latin plus Library Information Services have been cancelled. Concerns on deleting the programs stem from who made the decision? Who advised the administration on deleting the programs? The LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans was slated to have programs deleted but the deletions were appealed since appropriate processes and procedures had not been followed. The Administrative Council should have sent recommendations to the Faculty Senate for review of the changes to be made. The Senate should have reviewed the changes and sent recommendations to the Administrative Council.
2. As indicated in the local newspaper, LSU has a new Interim Provost. News of the appointment has not been distributed on campus. The appointment is for 2 years due to the budget but personnel in place for 2 years frequently remain permanently. The policy for hiring is in PS1 which is not on the website.
3. LSU has developed a computer privacy policy. The policy indicates computer files can't be entered without the operator's permission and a warrant is required. The new policy is in agreement with federal law and is based on policies from different universities including Princeton. The policy is PS 106.25 which isn't on the website but will be sent out.
4. Grade-related mid-term dismissals of LSU and ULM (?) faculty members were discussed. The discussion focused on how the LA Grad Act and the included requirements on 75% graduation rates in 6 years could impact academic freedom. LSU is currently revising the policies in PS 44.
5. The LSU System is currently developing a consistent policy on evaluation of administrators. COFA members were asked to provide input on the procedures on each campus including who gets the resulting reports and how frequently the evaluations are done.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

*Elisabeth Elder*

Respectfully submitted, June 7, 2010.