

Council of Faculty Advisors
October 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

For the initial part of the meeting, Bob Rasmussen commented on the following items:

1. The LSU System Student Government Presidents will meet at LSUA on Friday, October 22, 2010.
2. The Southern University System President issued a public statement which was retracted.
3. December 10, 2010, will be the next BOS meeting and will include a reception and dinner.
4. The October 15 BOS should be relatively short due to the lack of a budget. In response to a question from Kevin Cope, Rasmussen commented that the budget may not be available until March or April 2011. He also commented that a mid-year cut is very likely. In response to another question, Rasmussen commented that money can be taken from the capital outlay fund.
5. Bob Rasmussen also commented that over 100 nominations for LSU President had been received. The committee will be announced in the near future.

For the remainder of the meeting the items discussed included:

1. Mary Jarzabek commented on the "just say no resolution." She will resend the document. LSU, LSUS, and UNO are all in support of the document.
2. Low enrollments are occurring at UNO, LSUA, and LSUS. The numbers could impact accreditation especially in programs such as business. The ongoing UNO problems including enrollment, retention, down-sizing, Senate by-laws, and IET privacy issues were discussed. As an outcome of the discussion on IET privacy, Kevin Cope will develop a resolution requesting an IT security audit dealing with individual faculty use of LSU System e-mail and encouraging the development of a security policy. All COFA members present voted in favor of the resolution development.
3. The third item in section III Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development Committee, Consideration of the FY 2011-12 Operating Budget Request Process, was discussed. The item means that campuses within the LSU System may have budgets cut an additional 1% to decrease the budget cuts to the Pennington Center. The LSU cut has already occurred.
4. The Nevers Bill which includes the two year portable credential was discussed in terms of what it will mean for specific programs such as engineering, nursing, and criminal justice. The discussion resulted in a number of questions. Will the program provide easier entry into four year programs or will it require adjustments to the entry requirements? Will the program alter the value of the degree? Will an entrance exam be required?
5. A letter writing campaign to district legislators requesting support of higher education was discussed. The LSUS faculty and student government have developed a web-accessible. It can be located under www.documentprojectcrisiscall.com. UNO is getting budget information out by contacting alumni. Alumni are being provided information on the positive points on UNO, why the university is important, the impacts of the cuts, and suggested alternative to cuts to higher ed. The alternatives included a constitutional

convention, use of rainy day funds, tuition flexibility. Fees, and support of the Louisiana treasurer's plan.

6. Mary Jarzabek raised a question on the LSUS student referendum to support athletics. On a 2/1 ratio, the LSUS student voted to pay an extra \$54 to keep athletics. Now arguments are being made that this money will count as part of the 10% tuition increase allowed by the GRAD Act. Kevin Cope suggested that the students resend the fee and to question whether all Student Government Presidents would sanction this. Jarzabek will report back in December.
7. The need to change from using Social Security numbers to the LSU System identification number was discussed. The change must occur to avoid compliance fees and litigation. Bob Duloss will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Elder
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