



Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
January 26, 2022
11:00am, LSU Union Caddo Room 305

- Call to Order
- Mandi Lopez called meeting to order at 11:04 am
- Roll Call

Present: Ken McMillin, Roger Laine, Joan King, Jeffrey Roland, Mandi Lopez

Absent: Marwa Hassan, Inessa Bazayev

- Public Comments*
No Public Comments
- President's Updates
Mandi Lopez briefly reiterated the items she covered in her President's report the Faculty Senate meeting on Jan 25, 2022. There were no questions from FSEC members about the items.
- FSEC Consent Agenda:
 - Use of a Consent Agenda
 - FSEC December 3 Minutes
 - FSEC Meeting Date and Time, Moved to Wednesdays at 11:00am
 - Cancellation of FSEC March 16 Meeting Date, Spring Break Conflict

Consent agenda approved with a change to the Dec 3 FSEC minutes as recommended by Jeffrey Roland as follows: Regarding the December 7 2021 Faculty Senate meeting, approval of Trey Jones to attend a Faculty Senate meeting was limited to the December 7, 2021 meeting.

- New Business
 - Faculty Senate Executive Committee Communications and Operating Procedures, Internal and External

Jeffrey Roland expressed concern about us being cut off from other faculty and being out of touch with the working conditions of other faculty. He suggested more direct communication to the faculty at large.

Roger Laine stated that we need to notify the faculty senators to contact their faculty to inform them of the issues.

Mandi Lopez said we can communicate through Faculty Policy Committee Chairs in each college. She does send messages to those chairs as well as faculty senators.

Jeffrey Roland stated that there is an impression by some faculty that Faculty Senate doesn't relate to them.

Joan King asked if Jeffrey Roland wanted us to directly reach out to faculty on important issues rather than through senators.

Jeffrey Roland stated the issues with Faculty Senate are showing up in the COACH survey. Mandi Lopez stated she welcomes suggestions for how to improve the communication.

- Faculty Senate Executive Committee Response to Journalism

Joan King and Jeffrey Roland asked if this had to do with Faculty Senate going into executive session.

Roger Laine asked about the executive session rules and if the person asking to go into executive session had to explain why. The person thought the resolution had to do with personnel. He stated that Bob Mann left the meeting because he thought it was illegal.

Mandi Lopez stated that it all has to do with the rules regarding Open Meeting Laws and the issue has been rectified by the Attorney General's office which required the Faculty Senate members to be trained in Open Meeting Laws.

Joan King stated that the Board of Supervisors has gone into executive session without it being stated on the agenda. But they do have a statement regarding executive sessions at the bottom of every agenda now. Our Faculty Senate agendas will not have that statement. Jeffrey Roland mentioned the rule components about notification.

Ken McMillin and Joan King clarified that rule stated the person being discussed in executive session had to be notified 24 hours in advance.

- Faculty Senate Resolutions, Process

- Discussion of Pending Resolutions

The above two items were discussed together.

Jeffrey Roland asked if a resolution on any topic at all could be submitted and put on the agenda for Faculty Senate, such as stating that the earth is flat.

Ken McMillin said any faculty member can submit a resolution at any time and the FSEC is the gatekeeper. Someone could also make a motion at a Faculty Senate meeting to add an agenda item.

Joan King said that we do not just randomly place resolutions on the agenda. Frequently we meet with the person proposing a resolution to provide guidance. She also stated that she does not want to censure any faculty member. She asked Jeffrey Roland if he was suggesting that FSEC review all resolutions.

Mandi Lopez stated that it would be censuring and that FSEC should not micromanage the process. She does suggest to faculty that they work through the FSEC. FSEC is here to provide guidance for positive change, and we encourage them to come to the FSEC for feedback.

Ken McMillin stated that in the past with controversial resolutions the President talks the faculty out of doing a resolution or the Faculty Senate throws out a resolution or it is assigned to a Faculty Senate committee for further review. Resolutions need to be of general concern to the faculty.

Jeffrey Roland mentioned that there should be some limits as to what is a legitimate topic for a resolution for Faculty Senate to spend time on.

- PS63

Mandi Lopez stated that she addressed this in her President's report at the Jan 25, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting. The policy was clarified, by a committee of staff, students and faculty on which Mandi Lopez served, to say when a flag will be flown for a faculty who passed away and that the flag can be given to the family after,

- College Policy Committees

Mandi Lopez briefly explained what the committees do such as oversight of Faculty Senate senator elections for their college. She stated that communication needs to flow between policy committees and their elected faculty senators.

Jeffrey Roland stated he did not know what a policy committee was and asked if he was supposed to be interacting with the HSS policy committee. He has been here at LSU 18 years and served on the HSS senate and Faculty Senate and did not know senators of the two groups should be meeting.

Ken McMillin stated that Mandi put a lot of effort into getting these policy committees to be active.

Jeffrey Roland asked that a list of all policy committees be provided to the Faculty Senators. Joan King and Ken McMillin stated that we can put that on the Faculty Senate website.

Mandi Lopez stated that she and Provost Haynie had met with all the policy committee chairs to inform them of their duties.

Joan King stated that faculty in each college must meet once a year per Board of Supervisors rules.

Further discussion ensued about how the different colleges' faculty policy committees function.

- FSEC Meeting Date Change, February 23

We need to check with Susannah to get the doodle poll results for rescheduling the meeting since it is the same day as a Faculty Senate meeting.

- Nominating Committee

Suggestions are needed for the nominating committee from outgoing senators. This committee comes up with a nominee list of faculty for Faculty Senate officer positions following the Faculty senate Bylaws.

- Nominees for UberTech Committee

The new faculty members of this committee are James Madden and Zachary Isenhower.

- Nominees for President's Health and Safety (Medical) Advisory Committee

Mandi Lopez stated that she mentioned this in her President's report. She stated that candidates need to provide a ½ page description of their qualifications and candidates' names and statements will then be forwarded to the committee to chose from.

- Faculty Senate Service Project

Mandi Lopez suggested doing a food drive and/or blanket drive for the campus food pantry.

Ken McMillin stated that Faculty Senate needs to gain recognition for service on campus.

He suggested assisting facility services with projects around campus.

Mandi Lopez stated that Faculty Senate sponsored the MLK speaker and Faculty Senate was acknowledged.

- Annual Faculty Meeting Committee

This related to resolution 22-03 that was read at the Jan 25, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting.

Mandi Lopez stated that the Board of Supervisors requires that the faculty as a whole meet annually. There is no current logistical description on how the meeting is to occur. The meeting needs to be held after the last Faculty senate meeting and before the last day of the semester. The meeting is presided by the President of the university, Faculty Senate gives a report and business of the Faculty Senate can be discussed. Previous Faculty Senate Presidents had done away with having the meeting due to logistical problems and not being able to obtain a quorum. The committee is proposed to plan the meeting. Some faculty senators suggested that we should continue as is. We cannot go against our constitution.

Ken McMillin stated that the Board of Supervisors says we must have an annual meeting and must follow Open Meeting laws.

Jeffrey Roland stated that of the Board of Supervisors says we must have it and its time specified as to when, then the meeting can be considered critical and time sensitive under Open Meetings laws to that we could have the meeting on zoom.

Mandi Lopez stated that she would be held accountable if she made a decision to have the meeting on zoom and someone made a complaint about it not following Open Meeting laws.

- Senate Communications

Mandi Lopez stated that she received numerous messages from faculty about the reply all emails and wanting to be removed from the email group.

Ken McMillin suggested that we have a blog or forum setup on the Faculty Senate website for discussions by senators.

- Old/Continuing Business

- Faculty Senate Committee Nominations Needed

- Diversity

- Art and Design
 - LSU Law
 - Mass Communications

- ILC

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Mandi Lopez reminded everyone that we need to provide recommendations for the above committees and that she will follow up on this issue.