Minutes of the June 29, 2023 Meeting

I. Call to Order: Bazayev called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Parampreet Singh (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Meredith Veldman (Secretary), Mandi Lopez (Past President), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large)

III. Public Comments: None.

IV. FSEC Minutes Approval from June 7 2023: Tirone moved to approve. Passed by majority vote. Bazayev abstained.

V. President’s Updates

- The ad hoc FS IT committee has paused the work for summer. Chair Singh signed a memo with the Chief Information Officer Woolley on the current status of draft policies. Work will continue in Fall semester.
- Updates from the Board of Supervisors meeting in June: (i) The board has appropriated 8 million dollars for graduate student assistantships, (ii) The LSU Graduate School and HSE have created a Graduate Certificate Course for future faculty, (iii) Chairwoman Valenci Jones thanked Past President of LSU Faculty Senate Mandi Lopez for her service, and (iv) President Tate thanked the legislature for budget which will help LSU, and also the Faculty Senate for collaboration on various issues.
- Bazayev and Tirone met with Staff Senate leadership and reaffirmed working relationship on different issues including compensation.
- Bazayev met with Vice President of Research and Economic Development Robert Twilley and discussed various issues including ways to advertise faculty success and implications of National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM) 33 on academic freedom and additional forms to be filled by faculty.
- Bazayev mentioned that a faculty member in the LSU AgCenter reached out regarding a Title IX case. On further discussion, FSEC recommended that the faculty member should reach out to the faculty council in the AgCenter for further input.
- Bazayev mentioned that Calvin Feldt in student governance reached out for inputs on creating a syllabus database for various courses.
VI. Unfinished Business
• Ad hoc FS IT Committee—Singh: The committee met 16 times from late April to the beginning of June. Extensive revisions to draft of policies PS120, PS121, PS124 and PS126. Memo with Woolley was signed on Jun 9th. ITGC voted on all policies on Jun 12. Chair Sandi Gillilan praised the efforts of the committee in the efforts during that meeting.

VII. New Business
• Faculty Senate Guidebook: FSEC recommended to update the electronic version of the document every year and print a new guidebook every 3 years. Tirone emphasized the need to revise the section on Resolution Submission Guidelines.
• Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule: Senate meetings will be held in the Dalton Woods auditorium. Schedule was approved in the June 7 2023 meeting.
• Faculty Senate First Meeting: Bazayev requested Cobb to arrange that President Tate and Provost Haggerty are able to attend the first meeting of the Faculty Senate.
• Faculty Handbook: Revisions have been completed by FSEC. Tirone will submit the approved version to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness in LSU. Tirone moved to approve. Passed unanimously.

Tirone moved to suspend the rules and reorder the agenda for the presentation by Dr. Stephen Beck, Associate Vice President, Office of Research & Economic Development. Passed unanimously.

• VIII. Meeting with Dr. Stephen Beck, Associate Vice President, Office of Research & Economic Development: Beck gave a presentation on NSPM-33 and its potential impact on the faculty, staff and students in LSU. NSPM-33 charges Office of Science and Technology Policy of the White House to coordinate activities across research universities and institutions in the United States to protect Federally funded research from foreign government interference and increase awareness of risks to research security and actions to reduce such risks. There are four components to NSPM-33: Foreign Travel Security, Research Security Training, Cybersecurity and Export Control Training. The initial draft of NSPM-33 was introduced in Jan 2021 and has been revised with input from various agencies in March 2023. Beck mentioned various common points with Higher Education Foreign Security Act of the State of Louisiana introduced in 2022. There will be a standardization of common disclosures across agencies: Current and Pending support forms will be updated annually. ORCID to be made mandatory for Federal funding. The primary enforcement focus will be:
  • Avoiding wrongful transfers of intellectual property
  • Distinguishing intent to deceive from mere failure to disclose/report
  • Identification of malign actors
  • Eliminating conflicts of commitment impacting funding obligations
  • Thorough accounting of conflicts of interest
Beck mentioned that agencies are moving away from focusing on specific “countries of concern” and focusing on Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment and Behavior. Timeline for implementation is Jan 31, 2024 for LSU to provide a public status update and Oct 3, 2024 to submit program certification. Beck requested support of the Faculty Senate in the process and to identify faculty who can serve on the Coordinating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.