Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
10am, 8 January 2024
Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

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

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President), Michelle Osborn (Member-at-Large)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:04 am on Jan 8, 2024 at the Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom in the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. Tirone moved to suspend the rules and add to the agenda Meeting with LSU President Tate as the first item of the New Business. Passed unanimously. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted following a motion by Ringelman.

President’s updates: (i) LSU President Tate reached out to President Bazayev on renaming of the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to the Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX; (ii) Bazayev reported that there is a steady progress on overcoming double censures of AAUP; (iii) Bazayev and Tirone will participate in a meeting with Human Resources, Office of Academic Affairs and General Counsel to discuss FMLA, parental leave and continuity of instruction during the semester when the leave is taken; (iv) Bazayev and Tirone had productive discussions on the proposal by CCELL for creating a Community Impact Certificate with the Chair of the C&C committee Jeff Perry and Chair of the ASH committee Cathleen Williams; (v) HR discussed with Bazayev census numbers for Faculty Council; (vi) Bazayev will discuss Resolution 19-07 concerning tuition reduction and fee remission for LSU Faculty children and spouses with LSU President Tate.

The first item of the unfinished business was the ASH proposal on changing the I (incomplete) grade policy for graduate courses. Ringelman moved to refer the matter to C&C committee. Passed unanimously. The committee then discussed ASH proposal on transfer of credits for general education courses. Ringelman moved to refer the matter to C&C committee. Passed unanimously.

The second item of the unfinished business was the Faculty Technology Survey. Singh updated that with a feedback from ad hoc FSIT committee, faculty senators and EdTech subcommittee of ITGC a final draft of survey is ready. Cobb updated on the price quote for swag items.

The committee then discussed the issue of declining student attendance in classrooms. Bazayev will discuss the issue with Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Danny Barrow.
The first item of new business was Meeting with LSU President Tate on renaming of the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX. Tirone moved to endorse participation of Bazayev in the meeting requested by LSU President Tate and allow two members of FSEC to join her. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed recognition of passed faculty and suggestion by HR on passing the flag in a ceremony in the faculty senate meetings. Cobb will write to HR that the passing of the flag should be handled by LSU administration as has been the case so far.

Tirone moved to suspend the rules and consider Faculty Senate Invited Guests as the next item of business. Passed unanimously. Tirone moved to invite Vice President of Strategy and Public Policy Jason Droddy to discuss the renaming of the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to the Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX in the January Faculty Senate meeting. In case Droddy declines Vice President of Engagement, Diversity, and Title IX Todd Manuel should be invited for this purpose. If both decline, they should be requested to send someone from LSU administration to explain this issue to senators in the January Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed the Faculty Senate agenda for Jan 24th meeting. Tirone moved to approve the agenda which will include presentations on (i) Faculty Technology Survey by Vice Provost Jackie Bach, Chair of ad hoc FS IT Committee Param Singh and CIO Craig Woolley; (ii) Quality Enhancement Plan for SACSCOS reaccreditation by CxC Faculty Chair Jennifer Baumgartner; (iii) Campus Safety by Associate Vice President for Campus Safety, Emergency Preparedeness and Emergency Response Michael Antoine, and (iv) presentation by a suitable person identified by President Bazayev to discuss renaming the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to the Division of Engagment, Civil Rights & Title IX. Passed unanimously.

Ringelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary