

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 22, 2015
Student Senate Room, LSU Student Union



Attendance

Faculty Senate Executive Committee members present:

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| 1. Kevin L. Cope (President, English) | 2. Ken McMillin (Vice-President, Animal Science) |
| 3. Joan King (Secretary, Food Science) | 4. Fabio DelPiero (Member-at-Large, Pathbiol Sci) |
| 5. Mandi Lopez (Member-at-Large, Vet Science.) | 6. Suresh Rai (Member-at-Large, Elect. & Computer Eng.) |

Parliamentarian: Louay Mohammed

Senators present (X = Present; A = Alternate; P = Proxy):

1 X Aghazadeh, Fereydoun (Mech Eng/Eng)	22 P Dorian Dorado (Foreign Lan Lit/HSS)	44 Evgueni Nestrov (Chemistry/Sci)
2 X Fakhri Al-Bagdadi (Comp. Biomed Sci/Vet)	23 Susan Eades (Vet Clinical Sci/Vet)	45 Seth Orgel (Music/Music Dramatic Arts)
3 X Austin Allen (Landscape Arch./AD)	24 X Kristin Gansle (Education/HSS)	46 Jim Ottea (Entomology/Agri)
4 X Frank Anselmo (French/HSS)	25 X Arend Van Gemmert (Kinesiology/HSS)	47 X Steven Pomarico (Biological Sci/Sci)
5 A Reid Bates (SHWRED/HSE)	26 X Jeff Gillespie (Ag Econ/Ag)	48 X Suresh Rai (EE and Comp/Eng)
6 P Jennifer Baumgartner (Child Family/HSE)	27 X Angeletta Gourdine (English/HSS)	49 X Judith Rhodes (Social Work/HSS)
7 X Emily Beasley (Kinesiology)	28 X Gundela Hachmann (Foreign Lang Lit./HHS)	50 X Jeffrey Roland (Philos Rel Studies/HSS)
8 X Lillian Bridwell-Bowles (English/HSS)	29 X Jong Ham (Plant Path/Ag)	51 X Christopher Rovee (English/HSS)
9 Konstantin Busch (EE & Comp Sci/Eng)	30 X Wes Harrison (AGEC/Ag)	52 X Judith Schiebout (Geology/Science)
10 P John Caprio (Bio Sci/Sci)	31 A Stuart Irvine (Philos Relig/HHS)	53 X Andrew Schwarz (Info Sys Dec Sci/Bus)
11 X Joseph Clare (Political Sci/HSS)	32 Sherif Ishak (Civil Environ Eng/Eng)	54 Stephen Shipman (Math/Science)
12 X Lauren Coates (Enlgish/HSE)	33 X Joan King (Food Sci/Ag)	55 X Alan Sikes (Theater/Music Dramatic Arts)
13 X Kevin Cope (English/HSS)	34 Mandi Lopez (Vet Clinical Sci/Vet)	56 X Linda Smith Griffin (Libraries/Lib)
14 Jon Cogburn (Philosophy Rel Stud./HSS)	35 X Ron Malone (Civil Environ Eng/Eng)	57 X Judith Sylvester (Mass Com/Mass Com)
15 A Belinda Davis (Political Sci/HSS)	36 Kenneth Kip Matthews (Physics Astro/Sci)	58 X Sabrina Taylor (RNR/Ag)
16 William Daly (Chemistry/Sci)	37 X Andrew Maverick Chemistry/Sci)	59 David Terry (Comm Stud/Mass Comm)
17 X Fabio Del Piero (Pathbiol Sci)	38 X Alison McFarland (Music/Music and DA)	60 X Ramachandran Vaidyanathan (EE Comp/Eng)
18 X Charles Delzell (Math/Sci)	39 X Jean McGuire (Management/Bus)	61 X Arend Van Gemmert (Kinesiology/HHS)
19 X Margaret Denny (Education/Ed)	40 X Ken McMillin (Animal Sci/Ag)	62 Gregory Watson (Architecture/AD)
20 X John DiTusa (Phys Astron/Sci)	41 P Jacquelyn Sue Moffit (Acct/Business)	63 X Yejun Wu (Library Information Sci/Lib)
21 X David Donze (Biological Sciences/Sci)	42 Louay Mohammed (Civil and Environ Eng/Eng)	64 Jun Zou (Interior Design/AD)
	43 X Carl Motsenbocker (Horticult/Ag)	

Guests:

Jane Cassidy	Carrie Grace Henderson	Ernie Ballard	Dereck Rovaris	Sigrid Kelsey
Stuart Bell	Elaine Maccio	Adam Grashoff	Robert Doolos	

Consideration of the Minutes from December 8, 2014

Motion by Arend Van Gemmert, seconded by Ramachandran Vaidyanathan.
 Approved unanimously with potential corrections.

President's Report

- During break there were pronouncements concerning the budget. On the campus the Provost invoked the university budget committee which has ample faculty representation. Kevin cautioned us about pronouncements before the session and June. The university budget committee has experienced people on it, but asked us to feel free to contact anyone.
- There will be a Response prayer rally and colleagues have brought up resolutions for discussion. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with university and upper administration persons to request that they set ground rules about security and civility. There are divergent opinions about the rally.
- Colleagues have expressed concern about PS-22 about attendance and the FSEC has met with the Provost to see where it is. Also we met about dual hires and compensation for LSU Discover. There are six to eight committees being put together about this issue. PS-111 deals with evaluation of executive positions on campus but not those at the top such as the President and others. This is more of an issue with the one LSU.
- The Faculty Senate received a request from Stanley Wilder to reactivate the Library Committee. If anyone has a special interest to serve let Kevin know.
- There is a new subcommittee formed from the main committee for choosing the Master planner for the master plan and there is faculty representation there.

6. There will be a seminar on financial information for faculty on April 16 such as portfolio development and supplementation to the retire system.
7. Kevin met with Donna Torres about the university directory. There are many acronyms and abbreviations. Donna and her team are working on a less cryptic directory.
8. The Faculty Senate newsletter will be out on January 21.
9. We are working on PS-36 in regards to tenure and promotion regarding the appeals process. There is a revision underway for both PS-36T and 36NT. Brooks Elward, former chapter President of the AAUP, is on the committee working on PS-36 and PS-36T.
10. There is a resurrection in Lafayette of AAUP.
11. On February 7 there will be the next summit meeting in Alexandria at the LSU-A campus featuring Joseph Rallo, the new Commissioner of Higher Education.
12. There will be a forum on the future of higher education on March 5th around 6 pm at Southern University in Shreveport and will be on a KTVS television station in Shreveport as well as online streaming. The panel will include faculty and bipartisan legislators from all over the state.

Q&A Summary:

None.

President F. King Alexander

There will be a prayer rally starting Saturday morning and students are having an alternative educational program the same day. He went through these kinds of things in California. As a university we have a responsibility to the First Amendment. We can turn away people like the KKK due to potential disruption of business. We can take advantage of the press and other individuals being on campus to have an alternative educational forum. There will be a march on both sides and the university is trying to keep them separate. We can use the university status to open up an educational forum as a celebration of the first amendment instead of a big rally. The Governors proposed budget comes out in February. Higher Education is looking at a 40% reduction, here at LSU it is a \$53 million reduction. The cut would knock us down in the \$60 millions. That would cause our budget to be only 6% from the state. The legislature would not want us to serve only 6% of the public. The good news is the cut is early and not out yet. Legislators are dead set against cutting higher education now. They are suggesting several ways to deal with the issue through tax ideas. LSU can do their own risk management and bulk purchase items such as lab gloves. These are things and items specific to what we do at the university. They are inquiring into having a special session about getting money back into higher education. The cut is equivalent to cutting all ULL universities. Sixteen of our universities would file for financial bankruptcy with this magnitude of cut. They are putting together a budget central webpage to keep track of the budget information. They will send the site link out to us. The Alumni Association is putting together an advocacy group to put pressure on the legislature. We cannot wait until the first week of June to find out what is going to happen. The difference between now and last time in 2009 and 2010 although the cut was the comparable is that there was federal stimulus money of \$1 billion coming to the state. We are the only state and North Dakota in this situation. We need to get contingencies so we don't have to pay certain things. Tomorrow will be the Revenue Estimating Committee who will project everything to stay as they are so the budget numbers will look bad. The Board of Supervisors meeting is Friday in Shreveport.

Q&A Summary:

None.

Presentation by Sigrid Kelsey from the Library regarding open access journals

Sigrid gave a presentation on open access journal systems. Previously we may have been using open journal systems when looking for journals and peer reviewing and editing. She covered platform features. If articles are placed into their system they will be searchable. There can be an interactive comment section. The plan is to offer the hosting of the platform, technical support for editors, training and basic design of the site for you. The journal editor is responsible for editing of the journal and layout of pages for example. As a journal editor you can sign up people as editor, book reviewer, author, etc. Examples were shown from the University of Pittsburg. She left cards for contacting her. She said if we had any journals we wanted on the system to contact her.

Q&A Summary:

Kevin Cope

Is it only for new journals coming in or will they host back issues of journals?

Sigrid Kelsey

They will take in backlogged journals. They would work with the existing publisher.

Arend Van Gemmert

Is there a certain frequency required? He knows a journal that is published every two years.

Sigrid Kelsey

If it is well established frequency would not make a difference.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Do you have help for people to help with negotiations who want to move a journal into the system?

Sigrid Kelsey

We are in the processing of hiring a copyright attorney.

Old Business

None.

New Business

First Reading, Resolution 15-01, “Opposition to ‘the Response’ Prayer Rally at LSU, Sponsored by circa 125 members of the Faculty Council

Read by Elaine Maccio

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 15-01

Opposition to “The Response” Prayer Rally at LSU

Sponsored by: Pramod Achar, Lilly Allen, Sharon Andrews, Paula Arai, Jeremiah Ariaz, Chris Barrett, Emily Batinski, Sarah Becker, Dana Berkowitz, Michael P. Bibler, Jacob Blanton, Lillian Bridwell-Bowles, Mary Brody, Ellen Bush, Les Butler, James Catano, Prosanta Chakrabarty, Bin Chen, Wesley Church, Geoff Clayton, George Cochran, Jon Cogburn, Daniel C. Cohen, Brannon Costello, Pallavi Dani, Maribel Dietz, Brant Faircloth, Stephen C. Finley, Carl Freedman, Andreas Giger, Deborah Goldgaber, Emily Graves, Jacob Grey, Cecile Guin, Rachel Hall, Petra Hendry, Katherine Henninger, Dominique G. Homberger, Josef Horáček, Stuart Irvine, Charles David Isbell, Joyce Jackson, Catherine Jacquet, Kate Jensen, Benjamin Kahan, Michael D. Kaller, Rendy Kartika, Morgan Kelly, Gerald Kennedy, Touria Khannous, Emily King, Joseph Kronick, John Larkin, Catherine Lemieux, Vince LiCata, Younghee Lim, Marybeth Lima, Richard Litherland, Julie Lively, Michelle Livermore, Elaine M. Maccio, Phillip Maciak, Michelle Massé, Kent Mathewson, Bryan J. McCann, Robin McCarley, Patrick McGee, Elsie Michie, Sulagna Mishra, Jorge Morales, Carl Motsenbocker, Laura Mullen, Ali Mullin, Judith Myhand, Marcia Newcomer, Elisabeth Oliver, Carol O’Neil, Solimar Otero, Timothy Page, Loretta L. Pecchioni, Charles H. Pence, Robert Perlis, John Pojman, John Protevi, Justin Ragains, Micha Rahder, Ravi P. Rau, Helen Regis, Judith Rhodes, James Rocha, Mona Rocha, Jeffrey Roland, Steven Ross, Susan Elizabeth Ryan, William Saas, Daniel Sage, Husain Sarkar, Matthew Savage, Tracy Shaffer, ReRe Shaw, Charles Shindo, Irina Shport, Melinda Solmon, Phillip Sprunger, George Stanley, Bradley Storin, Patricia Suchy, Gail Sutherland, David Terry, Randolph Thomas, Kristine Thompson, Cameron Thrash, R. Eugene Turner, Shawn Walker, Carolyn Ware, Sue Weinstein, Sharon Weltman, Terrie White, Jim Wilcox, Bill Wischusen, Jean Witherow, Miyoung Yang, Jack Yeager, Margherita Zanasi, and Donghui Zhang

WHEREAS, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal is inviting the public to a prayer rally entitled “The Response” in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC) on the Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (LSU) campus in January 2015¹, and

WHEREAS, “The Response” is being funded by the American Family Association², a group classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group³, promulgating demonizing and patently false claims about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people, Jews⁴, Muslims⁵, Hispanics⁶, Native Americans⁷, and atheists⁸, and

WHEREAS, the AFA denounces scientific theories such as evolution⁹, links the theory of evolution with Adolf Hitler¹⁰, and promotes creationist and intelligent design curriculum in public schools¹¹, and

WHEREAS, leasing the PMAC to a known hate group and hosting “The Response” creates a hostile, potentially unsafe environment for LSU students, staff, and faculty and their families, and

WHEREAS, hosting “The Response” event contradicts LSU’s mission¹² to “use its extensive resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges,” and

WHEREAS, LSU, in its Flagship Agenda¹³ and Policy Statement 1¹⁴, has pledged a commitment to nondiscrimination against traditionally oppressed minorities within its community, including its racial-, ethnic-, religious-, and sexual-minority students, staff, and faculty, and

WHEREAS, LSU is “committed to creating and maintaining a living and learning environment that embraces individual difference” and “proactively cultivates and sustains a campus environment that values...cultural competence,”¹⁵ and

WHEREAS, “LSU depends on the faithful commitment by each community member to these, our basic principles”: to “advance justice, equality, compassion,” and to “demonstrate dignity and respect,”¹⁶ and

WHEREAS, “The Response” may have deleterious effects on LSU’s regional and national reputation, despite the University’s effort to distance itself from the event’s content and message and the repugnant views of the AFA as outlined, in part, in their prayer guide.¹⁷

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSU Faculty Senate opposes the anti-scientific, anti-intellectual, and prejudiced ideology of the AFA and decries the leasing of the PMAC by LSU to the AFA for the event known as “The Response” scheduled for January 24, 2015, at the PMAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LSU Faculty Senate calls for posting prominently within the PMAC a statement of LSU’s non-discrimination policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate proposes a major event to be held on the LSU campus and advertised to the public that directly engages the University’s commitment to diversity, upholds the University’s mission to operate as a place of broad learning and inquiry, and supports all of our students, staff, and faculty, including the most vulnerable among us.

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Moved and seconded and voted into discussion.

Q&A Summary:

Charles Delzell

He read quotes from his opposition to Resolution 15-01.

Gundela Hachmann

Directed to Charles Delzell, pinpoint clearly what the direction of your argument is.

Charles Delzell

The SPLC is a fund raising machine and they go after hate groups. If they just stick with the KKK they would lose dollars so they are manufacturing hate.

Angeletta Gourdine

Is your opposition related solely to the reference related to the SPLC or is it that the resolution is associated with the ideology of the SPLC? Why is your argument so connected to the SPLC?

Charles Delzell

One could delete those references to the SPLC and that would be irrelevant. The main opposition to the resolution is that it is just a matter of free speech. Every group has something objectionable. To classify certain religions as hate is a stretch. He defends their right to say it. If they are just coming to LSU to use a facility he sees no reason for Faculty Senate to interfere.

Alan Sikes

He does not see anywhere in the resolution or in the opposition, any kind of indication that the SPLC designates pure religion as a hate group. There are all kinds of positions stated by several Christian groups. In the opposition there is a page and one half of material on the SPLC. In the resolution there are plenty of other items of concern not associated with the SPLC.

Gundela Hachmann

I would like you to clarify this point. The resolution opposes that the PMAC being used for this event. We can charge for the use of the PMAC? Are there any rules by how the PMAC can be used?

Elaine Maccio

The PMAC is rented from the Athletic Department. The restrictions are limited. The university will not rent their facilities if there is a risk of violence or some other hostility. The university has not deemed the event a threat.

Gundela Hachmann

Have you spoken to the people who have allowed this to happen?

Elaine Maccio

She has spoken to people who have talked to higher ups.

Kevin Cope

The newspaper asked for information through a public records request.

James Stoner

The 1992 case said that once a public school makes a facility available to public groups, they have to make it available to all groups, unless it is a danger. The Faculty Senate is assuming the responsibility to comment on the use of facilities. He thinks this is a mistake to do so as we would not have to time to search the different groups that may use the facilities. Doubts can be raised about this issue on both sides and there are concerns about credibility. There are some disturbing notes. This is the usual temperance of political debate. Our resolution may include some intemperance that made be comical to others. Regarding the comment about repugnant views of the prayer guide, he did not see the comments mentioned. The problem is that we are injecting ourselves into a matter of partisan politics. This wrongly politicizes the Faculty Senate and weakens the ability to work together on academic matters under our charge. We could pass a resolution that states that renting of the facility to groups does not imply that the opinions of those groups are endorsed by the faculty or the campus. The forum on campus makes that point. To take sides goes against our view of a faculty senate.

Elaine Maccio

The prayer guide blames hurricane Katrina on LGBT people and abortion. That is in part what was characterized as pungent

Angeletta Gourdine

Her final disposition is not wanting the perfect to be the enemy of the good. There is a legal level on which the resolution becomes a problem. What is the degree to which the resolution attempts to apply to an ecological problem? It does not aim to prohibit the speech, but in its place on the university campus it bespeaks of a climate that alienates members of the community. Is it a legal, moral or social question or something in between?

Elaine Maccio

She will leave the characterization of the resolution up to the audience. The intent and wording of the resolution in no way prohibits the leasing of the PMAC or the prayer rally from happening, or limiting use of PMAC or rescinding leasing of PMAC.

Ken McMillin

Why does it say it in the therefore?

Elaine Maccio

It decries but does not implicitly ask for it to be rescinded.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

She gave a brief history about how she became aware of this. Her students informed her. The students asked how the university could let this go without comment and wanted to stop it. She could not support the students in rejecting on free speech. They asked about the separation of church and state issue and asked why they cannot have it at the River Center. The PMAC asked if they had dollars and they said yes. We did not have any clear criteria about who rents. She has contributed money to the SPLC. Their work they do to teach tolerance is good work. She does not agree to all the methods they use. They try to teach diversity and respect. On the matter of safety, she thinks there is a potential for someone to respond negatively and she is glad the police are involved. She is not worried about it enough to say we cannot have this event. The issue is whether the Faculty Senate can let this go with the type of material the response will be presenting. There will be people there teaching their own political, moral, religious and ethical perspectives. Do we want to let this go by without our criticism? If the word decries is a little strong Dr. Maccio may allow changes in wording. If we are going to say this is something we do not like in terms of academic discourse then she does not stand for it.

James Stoner

Is what happens in the PMAC always academic discourse?

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Somehow we managed to include sporting events as academic. Prayer meetings do not make her criteria.

James Stoner

The university would be subject to a law suite if we singled out this group. We would be going against the supreme court. Do we have to take a stance on all events?

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

No one is asking that we stop it or change rules to rent the PMAC. They will be here. The question is whether the Faculty Senate at LSU thinks this kind of discourse is appropriate.

Alan Sikes

The free speech is just a red herring here. There is ample evidence of the AFA that they hold views opposite to the university. The key issue is whether we will let this go without saying this is not what LSU stands for. Go ahead and rent the facility, but LSU does not represent this kind of information. Having this event and letting it past creates a larger climate that these are the sorts of views that we like around here. We should vote for this resolution.

Senator

They support those comments. She is in biology and number of resolutions supporters on the resolution are in biology. The biological views of the AFA are against biology. Graduate students make look at this badly that evolution is not real.

Senator

Already 126 faculty members signed on to this resolution. More than free speech is being said here, we know the kinds of negative things they are saying.

Judith Sylvester

There is no where in the document that we value free speech. You need to acknowledge that we honor free expression. We should put something about support for the forums and their right to express an opposing view. We are not going to stop it or break the law saying they cannot say it. She has students who would feel uncomfortable about this thing on campus. She wants a more tolerant view.

Kevin Cope

We are in the initial discussion but some may suspend the rules to vote now and there can be friendly amendments.

Mandi Lopez

She is not taking a stand either way. By our actions are we being intolerance to students that do believe this way. We do need to have disclaimers and not be automatically associated with events out of our control.

Charles Delzell

The issue of separation of church and state was imported by the Supreme Court. Jefferson held prayer rallies when he was governor in Virginia. Bobby Jindal is following in the steps of the person who wrote separation of church and state. What if the Pope came to LSU? There are some things in Catholic doctrine that are objectionable to some people. There are churches already on the campus. If you interrogated all those people you will see all kinds of stuff. Probably among atheists you can find objectionable statements.

Alan Sikes

Thanks Senator Lopez about students' thoughts on this. I am very glad we have Free Speech Alley. This is not a call for an amendment, but to follow up on the notion that the word 'decries' is a sticking point. Maybe we can use a word that expresses disagreement with these ideas. In first therefore 'that we expect will be expressed and endorsed by the AFA at the event....'

John DiTusa

It concerns him and how students view this and AFA's viewpoints that put down how students feel. The other issue is how we are viewed from the outside. They see us with this event and assume we agree with their group. The document does not show research. He has a friendly amendment that the entire phrase starting with 'and decries...' be taken out. Also add a sentence that says that by hosting this event we do not endorse the AFA.

Elaine Maccio

Mentioned last Whereas change.

John DiTusa

He wants a new Therefore clause that faculty senate shall make public that Faculty Senate does not endorse any of these ideas.

Angeletta Gourdine

The difficulty is the moralizing tone of the document. This may exclude the community of which we are all members and undermine the force of this. Is the primary objective to make clear that LSU is a community where we support intellectual debates grounded in validated intellectual principles and ideas and that this activity seems counter to that. This is in regards to the last Therefore.

Elaine Maccio

I do not speak for the entire group, but I can speak to my intent. It is not to squelch free speech; the resolution is an example of free speech. When I hear do not pass resolution because it shows we are intolerant, only those who bother us can speak, those who it bothers cannot. This is in itself an act of free speech. We are not trying to limit free speech, or use of the facility.

Angeletta Gourdine

My question came from comments before, how can we change the document so we can state that we allow intellectual inquiry so all views are heard. Is that the spirit in which the resolution was designed? Is the university a space that is inclusive?

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Point of order. How we can move forward today to get a few amendments on this resolution before we potentially vote today?

Kevin Cope

Whenever debate is exhausted, someone can suspend the rules to vote now. When the motion passes we would be in second reading, then friendly amendments can be voted on.

Elaine Maccio

She will turn over the floor to the other members to answer the questions by Angeletta Gourdine.

Ramachandran Vaidyanathan

There are a few things bubbling. Whether a group is a hate group or not. What is scientific or not is clear. As a place of higher learning to stick by scientific beliefs we owe it to this place to do that. It is LSU's policy not to discriminate. He hears our objection should be to the views and not the leasing. He sees no problem with the evolution issue.

Jeffrey Roland

Asked to suspend the rules.

Seconded by Angeletta Gourdine

Vote: Approved to suspend the rules.

Arend Van Gemmert

Motion: Amendment to delete from first Therefore 'decries..... PMAC'.

Motion seconded.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Wants to change motion to 'of the AFA the host of the event known as....'.

Vote on amendment: Passed unanimously.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

We need a motion to endorse the students' forum.

Judith Sylvester

Motion: On the Third Whereas on the second page add 'and to reaffirm the freedom of expression' after the footnote.

Motion seconded.

Charles Delzell

It quotes principles that may be in documents but this may not be in documents.

Angeletta Gourdine

Since it is not in quotation marks it is a belief.

Vote on amendment: approved.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Add an additional therefore statement as second one. 'Therefore be it further resolved, that the LSU Faculty Senate endorses the efforts of the LSU community who are contributing a range of peaceful responses to the event on January 24, 2015.'

Moved and seconded.

James Stoner

Do we know the responses of the community or are we endorsing any response?

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

There is a website on the central responses being done.

Ken McMillin

Why not just say specifics.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Not everyone is involved with that specific response.

Ron Malone

Peaceful is a strong word.

Charles Delzell

The new resolved statement may overlap the next statement. Are we proposing different events or the same one?

Elaine Maccio

Those are two different events. One is the students and the other is something held at a later date as mentioned before by the Chancellor. It is written vaguely because it is not known yet.

Arend Van Gemmert

Any response will be accepted, even if we endorse this response. The first Therefore could lead to a response against our therefore.

Senator

We cannot be against free speech.

Gundela Hachmann

We need to leave this open. Anyone who has a view should be able to be heard. In our community we encourage everyone to speak up regardless of view.

Judith Sylvester

We should not ignore students and faculty who may attend the event. On last resolved regarding 'a major event to be held', can we add the words 'at some future date'?

Ramachandran Vaidyanathan

In second to last Therefore, change to post immediately in PMAC.

Motion to call the question of the second amendment.

Vote: approved.

Vote on amendment: approved.

Ramachandran Vaidyanathan

It does not make sense that it is only posted in the PMAC.

Motion: Change it to 'within the campus' and not just 'within the PMAC'.

Moved and seconded.

Charles Delzell

I would accept deleting the whole therefore as it does not relate to the AFA. What does the AFA have to do with the issues at LSU? It seems to be irrelevant.

John DiTusa

It is relevant in regards to the statements they make and because LSU is an open place.

Ramachandran Vaidyanathan

He would be okay with that. Why restricted it to the PMAC?

Steven Pomarico

Who is to say what is prominent?

Alan Sikes

He has a follow-up that he is quite confident that the AFA would be against the employment non-discrimination act. We are not talking about their influence. The fact is that he would be confident in saying the AFA has been quite vocal in opposing legislation that would protect LGBTQ people. It is good to leave it in since they would oppose our policy.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

She read the LSU non discrimination policy.

Mandi Lopez

Wasn't there a general disclaimer statement proposed? Would that be more effective than a sign?

Senator

If the event happens at LSU it in no way endorses the opinions of LSU.

Judith Sylvester

In dealing with signs as a practical matter, there will not be any signs posted. We cannot make it happen.

Jeffrey Roland

The posting on Saturday is not really the point, the point is reaffirming the policies of LSU and the university stance.

Called the question on amendment.

Senator

Change it to 'the PMAC and prominent places'.

Vote by show of hands: yes 15 no 16 Motion fails.

Judith Sylvester

There is policy on WayFind and they are strict about signs.

Moved and seconded that the second be it resolved statment be deleted.

Lillian Bridwell-Bowles

Happy to let it go.

Judith Schiebout

Speak louder in the back. What is left in the resolution? There is a problem with saying this is anti-scientific. She doesn't want to use the anti-scientific words.

Regarding amendment on floor to delete second therefore clause with PMAC posting of policy.

Vote: Approved.

Angeletta Gourdine

Proposed to eliminate the forth whereas referring to the leasing.

Moved and seconded.

Elaine Maccio

To keep the essence of the clause would you consider striking the words ‘leasing the PMAC to a known hate group’ and changing it to ‘hosting the Response creates a hostile potentially unsafe environment to LSU students, staff, faculty and their families’.

Gundela Hachmann

Is there any evidence that previous events by the AFA have lead to violence?

Elaine Maccio

The literature shows us that groups like the AFA and their language and ideology they promote are harmful to the LGBT group. It could potentially be psychologically harmful.

Jeffrey Roland

Move ‘potentially’ to in front of ‘create’.

Vote on amendment: Approved unanimously.

Ron Malone

Motion to call the question. Seconded.

Vote: approved to call the question on the resolution.

Vote on resolution: For 27 Opposed 8 Abstain 0

Approved.

Jeffrey Roland moved to adjourn, many seconded.

Adjourned at 5:21 pm