

LSU

Faculty Senate

Summary

Faculty Senate Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

LSU Foundation Building, Harrison Board Room 107, 3:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee

1. Ken McMillin (President, Animal Science)
2. Mandi Lopez (Vice-President, VCS), Chair
3. Joan King (Secretary, Food Science)
4. Fabio Del Piero (Member-at-Large, PBS)
5. Judith Sylvester (Member-at-Large, Mass Comm)
6. Nan Walker (Member-at-Large, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences)

Senators:

1	X	Fereydoun Aghazadeh (ENGR)	25	P	Katherine Henninger (HSS)	49	P	Laura Riggs (VET)
2	P	Kwame Agyemang (HSE)	26	X	Paul Hrycaj (LIB)	50		Tracey Rizzuto (HSE)
3	X	Priscilla “Lilly” Allen (HSE)	27	P	Stuart Irvine (HSS)	51	X	Bhaba Sarker (ENG)
4	X	Aly Aly (ENG)	28	X	Brendan Karch (HSS)	52	X	Dan Sheehy (SCI)
5	X	Kayanush (Kai) Aryana (AG)	29	X	Kyla Kazuschyk (MDA)	53	X	Stephen Shipman
6		Michael Banks (BUS)	30	X	Kelli Scott Kelley (AD)	54	X	Gregory Sioles (MDA)
7	P	Chris Barrett (HSS)	31		Yunjung Kim (HSS)	55	X	Carlos Slawson (BUS)
8	X	Dorin Boldor (ENGR)	32	P	Roger Laine (SCI)	56	X	Andrew Sluyter (HSS)
9	X	Jeffrey Brooks (Law)	33	X	Elecia Lathon (HSE)	57	X	Kevin Smith (SCI)
10	X	Konstantin Busch (ENG)	34	X	Julia Ledet (SCI)	58		Jared Soileau (BUS)
11	X	Prosanta Chakrabarty (SCI)	35		Vincent LiCata (SCI)	59	P	Kristen Stair (AG)
12		Cassandra Chaney (HSE)	36	X	Juan Martinez (PBS)	60	X	Rachel Stevens (HSS)
13		Brett Collier (AG)	37	P	James Matthews (SCI)	61		Brenton Stewart (HSE)
14	X	Belinda Davis (HSS)	38	X	Bryan McCann (HSS)	62	X	Judith Sylvester (MCOM)
15	X	Fabio Del Piero (PBS)	39	X	Mustajab Mirza (VCS)	63		José Torres (HSS)
16	X	Charles Delzell (SCI)	40	X	William Monroe (Law)	64	X	Matthew Vangiel (MDA)
17		Michael Desmond (AD)	41	X	Carl Motsenbocker (AG)	65	X	Nan Walker (Coast)
18		Rodrigo Diaz (AG)	42	X	Pius Ngandu (HSS)	66	P	Sonja Wiley (BUS)
19	X	Cyndi Dicarolo (HSE)	43	X	Rafael Orozco (HSS)	67	P	Cathy Williams (AG)
20	X	Levent Dirikolu (PBS)	44		Niki Pace (Sea Grant)	68	A	Donghui Zhang (SCI)
21	X	Brooks Ellwood (SCI)	45		Megan Papesch (HSS)			
22		Kenny Fasching-Varner (HSE)	46	X	Tracy Quirk (Coast)			
23		Gregory Griffin (ENG)	47	X	Suresh Rai (ENG)			
24	X	Kristen Healy (AG)	48	X	Maria Rethelyi (HSS)			

Proxies/Alternates:

Dan Sheehy for James Matthews
 Bryan McCann for Chris Barrett
 Prosanta Chakrabarty for Roger Laine
 Mari Rethelyi for Stuart Irvine
 Carl Motsenbocker for Kristin Stair

Elecia Lathon for Kwame Agyemang
 Cassandra Chaney for Sonja Wiley
 Kristen Healy for Cathleen Williams
 Mustajab Mirza for Laura Riggs

Guests:

Melissa Crawford	Isiah Warner	Andrea Hebert	Jacob Fontenot	Katherine Kirsch
Tyrslai Williams	Megan Stone	Christina Georgacopoulos	Stacia Haynie	Lois Kuyper Rushing
Jane Cassidy	Arend Van Gemmert			

CALL TO ORDER

President Ken McMillin called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum with 9 alternates/proxies noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 20 Minutes passed with minor corrections to be added later.

PUBLIC COMMENT, CHRISTINA GEORGACOPOULOS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Student population concerned about smoking and e-cigarettes. Passed a concurrent resolution on tobacco and e-cigarette use.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Updates
 - o AVP HRM forums
 - o Vice-President ORED forums
 - o New Vice President of Student Affairs, Jeremiah Shinn
 - o Faculty Senate member elections
 - o ALFS meeting, April 27
- Faculty Senate elections
 - o Executive Committee, Budget and Planning Committee, Committee on Committee, April Elections for senators
- Activities
 - o FS Committee annual reports
 - o Resolutions: Student Bill of Rights, Establishment of a Legal Fund
 - o Collaboration: Lactation Policy, Death of an LSU Employee, Interviews of admin candidates
- Continuing Activities
 - o Academic Freedom Policy
 - o PS 104/109 revisions
 - o FS Constitution and Bylaws revisions
 - o Volunteer opportunities: IT Governance Council, Auxiliary services advisory committee, Undergraduate advising task force, Website accessibility exceptions committee, Honors College advisory committee

GUEST SPEAKER, ISIAH WARNER, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Pillars for success: comprehensive holistic model rooted in mentoring, education, research
- Awarded over \$42.5M
- Serve students from K-12 to graduate school
- 58% underrepresented minority/56% women
- Bridget to Doctorate program: 2-year fellowship for underrepresented minorities
- Well-known outside of LSU system

Q&A:

- How do you recruit undergraduates? Are they all minorities?
 - o Undergraduate students are nominated and select students interviewed by faculty, administration and staff. Not just minorities.

FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS

President- Mandi Lopez

Vice-President- Joan King

Secretary- Fabio Del Piero

Member at Large- Prosanta Chakrabarty

Member at Large- Julia Ledet

Committee on Committee- Jennifer Brum, Randy Trahan

Budget & Planning Committee- Jacquelyn Moffitt, alternate: Joseph Legoria

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading Resolution 19-04, Election of Graduate Council Membership

Sponsored by Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the LSU Board of Supervisors Regulations Article I Section 2.B.2 Duties authorizes the faculty or Faculty Council to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, determine requirements for degrees, and generally determine educational policy, subject to the authority of the Board, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate possesses all of the powers conferred upon the Faculty Council by regulations of the Board of Supervisors or otherwise, and shall exercise such powers in a manner consistent with the policies of the Faculty Council, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Standing Committees, including Admissions, Standard, and Honors; Budget Planning and Advisory; Courses and Curricula; General Education; and Library, have shared governance with Office of Academic Affairs, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 “Replacing the Current System of Appointments with a New System of Elections for Members of the Graduate Council” noted that appointment of Graduate Council members is incompatible with principles of shared-governance and recommended election of Graduate Council members was adopted on March 15, 2010, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 11-17 “Elections for Members of the LSU Graduate Council” restated the need for election of Graduate Council members to advise the Graduate Dean and was adopted on November 3, 2011, and

Whereas the Graduate School and Graduate Dean have implemented requirements that do not necessarily further graduate education as indicated in Faculty Senate Resolution 12-1 “Graduate Faculty Status: Confidence in Colleagues and their Credentials” on annual certification of Graduate Faculty Status of each faculty member, and

Whereas recent Deans and Interim Deans of the Graduate School have indicated agreement with the election of Graduate Council members to be advisory to the Dean, but have not taken any actions to implement this change, and

Whereas recent changes in Graduate School policies were not voted upon by the Graduate Faculty, which is not aligned with shared governance principles,

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate authorizes the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to immediately conduct elections from among the full Graduate Faculty members in the Colleges of Coast and the Environment, Engineering, Human Sciences and Education, and Humanities and Social Sciences to fill the vacancies in the Graduate Council that will occur this year, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate will conduct elections for Graduate Council representatives each spring semester to fill vacancies in the respective Graduate Council College or School member terms that expire each year.

Q&A:

- How many representatives are on the council?
 - o Every college has one representative, larger colleges have two. The council is advisory but make decisions on important issues

Vote: unanimously approved.

Second Reading Resolution 19-05, LSU Elsevier Subscription Package

Sponsored by LSU Libraries, Brooks Ellwood, Judith Schiebout, and Paul Hrycaj

Whereas the cost of academic journals has increased 521% between 1986 and 2015, threatening the scholarly communication system in every discipline; and

Whereas journal expenses at the LSU Libraries currently consume 48% of its total budget, up from just 24% 10 years ago, which has resulted in an unacceptable decrease in library support for books, databases and other collections, staffing, and services; and

Whereas LSU’s current 5-year contract with the commercial publisher Elsevier expires at the end of 2019, at which point it will cost at least \$2M/year; and

Whereas new document delivery technologies have become available, giving LSU alternatives to subscriptions that are fast, convenient, and free to users; and

Whereas limiting expenditures for Elsevier journals will free up funding that will allow the Libraries to address long-standing collection deficiencies; and

Whereas similar initiatives are in progress this year at research institutions around the world,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University supports the LSU Libraries' effort to reduce Elsevier expenditures, subscribe to specific Elsevier journals and replace cancelled journal subscriptions with expedited document delivery services.

Q&A:

- Amendment put forth to end all Elsevier subscriptions. (following the CA system)
 - o CA system is a network of universities, LSU is a single unit. Majority voted no.
- Is the library prepared for the substantial increase in ILL requests?
 - o Taking steps to prepare

Vote: majority approved, 1 no.

**Second Reading Resolution 19-06, Support for the LSU 100%
Tobacco-Free Policy & Anti-Vaping Education Program**

Sponsored by Dr. Judith Sylvester, Mass Communication (Tobacco Policy researcher); Dr. Amy Copeland, Department of Psychology (Smoking Cessation researcher); Arthur Penn, Veterinary Medicine (E-cigarette Aerosol researcher); Alexandra Noel, Veterinary Medicine (E-cigarette Aerosol researcher); Michael Russo, Collection Analysis Librarian (Tobacco Policy Committee and long-time advocate)

Whereas LSU was required by Act 211 to establish a tobacco policy on campus by Aug. 1, 2014

Whereas the policy is 100% Tobacco-Free, including combustibles, vaping devices (e-cigarettes) and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco)

Whereas LSU has failed to enforce the policy and ignored all warnings that vaping, especially the use of JUUL, is a trend on campus

Whereas LSU further ignored that the lithium batteries in vaping devices can explode, causing serious injury or death from the flames and shrapnel expelled during the explosion and failed to ban e-cigarettes from campus as it had hoverboards

Whereas a campus-wide stratified random sample survey (referred to in this resolution as "the survey") was conducted during the fall 2018 semester by Dr. Judith Sylvester through her SmokingWords program with 1,242 responses collected from undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, administrators, faculty and staff indicated that the percentage of students who are aware of LSU's 100% tobacco-free policy has fallen from 93% in 2015 to 79% in 2018

Whereas the percentage of students using combustibles on campus has remained at about 12 percent, while the percentage using vaping devices on campus has increased from 4% in 2015 to 27% in 2018

Whereas students reporting seeing vaping devices (e-cigarettes) used on campus has increased from 63% in 2015 to 93% percent in 2018

Whereas 77% of the students who vape prefer JUUL, a product that delivers about 5 percent nicotine — which is roughly as much nicotine as is in a pack of cigarettes, according to the company

Whereas vaping devices are essentially nicotine delivery systems, and nicotine is a highly addictive substance

Whereas of the 190 students surveyed who use tobacco products, 42% said their tobacco use had increased since entering LSU, 35% said it had remained the same and 23% said use had decreased

Whereas 23% of all students reported having asthma, allergies or other breathing problems, and 46% of all students reported avoiding areas of campus to prevent exposure to smoke or vapor side stream.

Whereas both the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration have declared vaping to be of epidemic proportion in middle/junior high schools and high schools but has not addressed the problem on college campuses

Whereas 99% of tobacco users started before age 26, and every day more than 1,200 people in this country die due to smoking

Whereas FDA-sponsored research indicates that nicotine has negative effects on the brains of teenagers and adolescents and that vapor from e-cigarettes contain chemicals that can be detrimental to both the user and secondhand to non-smokers or non-vapers

Whereas the FDA has taken steps to prohibit tobacco companies from marketing JUUL and other vaping products to adolescents and young adults, including products with candy-like flavors

Whereas the U.S. Congress and the Louisiana legislature are debating laws raising the tobacco purchasing age to 21

Whereas LSU has a responsibility to educate its students about the dangers of all types of tobacco use and to enforce its 100% tobacco-free policy for health and safety reasons

Whereas an earlier survey Dr. Sylvester conducted with colleges/university administrators who have established tobacco policies on their campuses indicated that while student support is necessary, public support from top administrators is critical to the success of the policy

Whereas Student Government recently passed a similar resolution and the Staff Senate is considering a similar resolution

Therefore, let it be resolved that LSU take the following steps immediately:

1. Establish a permanent community committee including representatives from Student Health Services, Student Life, the Athletic Department, Student Government, Campus Sustainability, LSU Public Affairs/Strategic Communication, Veterinary Medicine and any other interested group or organization that will promote LSU's tobacco-free policy to students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.
2. The committee will track trends in tobacco use, especially among students, to determine the best ways to promote and enforce the policy and to maintain adequate funding for educational initiatives and possible tobacco cessation programs for students, faculty and staff.
3. The committee will further provide educational information regarding vaping and smoking research, FDA regulation of tobacco products, changes in Louisiana tobacco laws, up-to-date health information and to create counter messages to tobacco company promotions. Such information should be delivered through signage, posters, handout materials, social media messages and sponsorship of events, such as the national Great American Smokeout in November and Kick Butts Day in March or campus events that are promoted as tobacco-free. Establishing a peer to peer tobacco education program is recommended.
4. Establish and promote a hotline on campus so that those with questions about the policy, who are seeking cessation information or who are sensitive to secondhand smoke/vapor, are pregnant or have other health concerns can report infractions of the policy, such as vaping in classrooms and congregation of smokers/vapers in spaces that pose a health risk to employees and students. Tobacco-related trash accumulation also should be reported. The appropriate campus personnel should then take action to rectify the situation.
5. Request that faculty voluntarily include a notice in their syllabi that vaping in classrooms is prohibited by the LSU 100% tobacco-free policy.
6. Require strong, public administrative support for LSU's 100% tobacco-free policy that is maintained from year to year so that all incoming students and new faculty and staff are aware of the policy and any penalties attached to it and so that visitors to campus are made aware that LSU is 100% tobacco free.

Q&A:

- How will the policy be enforced?
 - o This is the current problem. The legislature tobacco purchasing change to age 21 will give the university a more credible reason to enforce.
- Could incoming freshmen sign a no-tobacco on campus pledge? What about working with high schools?
 - o The pledge might be ineffective. Getting into schools, starting with middle school, will help bring awareness to e-cigarettes and tobacco.

Vote: majority approved, 1 no, 1 abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and unanimously passed at 5:25pm.