

LSU

Faculty Senate

Summary

Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2020

Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee

1. Mandi Lopez (President, VCS)
2. Ken McMillin (Past- President, AG)
3. Joan King (Vice-President, Food Science)
4. Fabio Del Piero (Secretary, PBS)
5. John Miles (Member-at-Large, Libraries)

Senators:

1	X	Kayanush (Kai) Aryana (AG)	25	P	Marwa Hassan (ENG)	49	P
2	P	Michael Banks (BUS)	26	X	Katherine Henninger (HSS)	50	X
3	X	Inessa Bazayev (MDA)	27	X	Tara A. Houston (MDA)	51	X
4	X	Pamela Blanchard (HSE)	28		Kelli Scott Kelley (AD)	52	P
5	X	Elizabeth Carter (Law)	29	X	Heather Kirk-Ballard (AG)	53	X
6	X	Cassandra Chaney (HSE)	30	X	Joan King (AG)	54	X
7	X	Chantel Chauvin (HSS)	31	X	Gerry Knapp (ENG)	55	X
8	X	Senlin Chen (HSE)	32	X	Roger Laine (SCI)	56	X
9	P	Prosanta Chakrabarty (SCI)	33	X	Lauren Lazaro (AG)	57	X
10	X	Jin-Woo Choi (ENG)	34	P	Julia Ledet (SCI)	58	P
11		Joe Clare (HSS)	35	X	Carlos Lee (HSE)	59	X
12	X	Brandi Conrad (HSE)	36		J. Michael Martinez (HSE)	60	P
13	X	Robert Cook (SCI)	37	X	James Matthews (SCI)	61	X
14	X	Theda Daniels-Race (ENG)	38	X	John Miles (LIB)	62	X
15	X	Jeff Davis (AG)	39	X	Mustajab Mirza (VCS)	63	A
16		Jennifer Davis (HSS)	40	P	William Monroe (Law)	64	X
17	X	Fabio Del Piero (PBS)	41	P	Carl Motsenbocker (AG)	65	X
18		William Doerrler (SCI)	42	X	Ioan I. Negulescu (AG)	66	
19	X	Peter Doran (SCI)	43	X	Robert Newman (BUS)	67	
20	X	Jake Esselstyn (SCI)	44	X	Rafael Orozco (HSS)	68	
21		Joseph Francis (CBS)	45	X	Seung-Jong Park (ENG)	69	
22	X	Edward Gibbons (HSE)	46		Rosemary Peters-Hill (HSS)	70	
23	X	Doug Gilman (SCI)	47	A	Tracy Quirk (Coast)	71	
24	X	Jason Harman (HSS)	48	X	Maria Rethelyi (HSS)		

Proxies/Alternates:

Theda Daniels-Race for Marwa Hassan
 Muhammad Wahab for Bhaba Sarker
 Matt Hiatt for Tracy Quirk
 Matt Hiatt for Nan Walker

Inessa Bazayev for Matthew Vangjel
 Stephen Shipman for Julia Ledet
 Jeff Davis for Carl Motsenbocker

Guests:

Tom Galligan	Arend Van Gemmert	Stacia Haynie	Retha Niedecken	Jose Aviles
Andrew Sluyter	Jane Cassidy	Matt Lee	Craig Woolley	Sasha Thackaberry
Jason Walker	Ernie Ballard	Jake Palmer	Emily Hatfield	Cole Conrad
Kristen Hernandez				

CALL TO ORDER

President Mandi Lopez called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum with 7 alternates/proxies noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 21 Minutes passed with minor corrections to be added later.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Updates
 - o Faculty video will be deleted from Zoom and moved to Kaltura. All captioning on videos will be lost. CIO Woolley has been informed and paused all deletion for Fall 2020.
 - o Board of Supervisors memorandum is being revised on digital ownership
 - o Faculty Senate Bylaws are being edited. Once changes are approved, committee membership will be updated
- Activities
 - o FSEC is still advocating pay raises
 - o FSEC is advocating that the 36% tax on grants but significantly reduced or removed
 - o FSEC will continue to push for faculty representation on the Board of Supervisors
 - o Due to the breakdown in communication, FSEC has requested that Faculty Policy Chairs be included on important messaging
 - o FSEC is inquiring into the security of instructional material
 - o FSEC members serving on University Diversity and Equity Committee

UNIVERSITY UPDATE, LSU LEADERSHIP

- Campus-wide effort on COVID testing
 - o Free for students and employees with LSU First Health Insurance
- Administration urges all faculty, staff, and students to fill out the daily symptom tracker
- There are quarantine spaces on campus for students that test positive
- Masks are required on campus and frequent hand washing is encouraged
- Summer enrollment increased
- Fall enrollment is up by 3.7% along with increases in historically underrepresented groups

Q&A:

- Is the daily health checker a HIPAA violation?
 - o No.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION SUPPORT, SASHA THACKABERRY, VICE PRESIDENT OF ONLINE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Faculty support and training still ongoing and available
 - o Live support via Zoom
- LSU Online combined FTC and academic technology—new website will launch in Nov.
- Moodle upgraded over the summer and support provided for faculty
- Faculty support with a learning experience designer in each college at least one day a week
- Need a formal structure for academic technology

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE, JAKE PALMER, MANAGER OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

- EOC activated since March
 - o Understood implications of COVID and began working with departments on needs
- Monitored number of individuals on campus during stay at home order
- Recommendations are always sent and reviewed by LSU President
- Monitoring Tiger Check System and events on campus

Q&A

- Could you elaborate on your decisions regarding Hurricane Laura?
 - o EOC communicates with the National Weather Service and other institutions
 - o Recommendations are from multiple resources and information
 - o Weather was predicted to be aggressive, other state agencies were closing—campus was closed
- Do we need to fill out the symptom tracker every day? Even on weekends?

- Yes. It is not just a campus situation and EOC is gathering data

FY 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OMBUDS OFFICE, RETHA NIEDECKEN, LSU OMBUDSPERSON

- Annual report available
- Zoom and in-person sessions available
- Office has moved from the Union to the University Administration building

Q&A

- Why did you move from the Union?
 - Budgetary reasons. The Union rent is expensive.
- What is the most common issue brought to the Ombuds office?
 - Poor communication skills and abuse of power.
- Would you recommend specific training or suggest a way to avoid bullying?
 - Come to my office. I can help with utilizing tools to establish or reestablish boundaries.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading, Resolution 20-04, “Gender Equity in Health Insurance Benefits”

Sponsored by the Benefits Advisory Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Vote: Resolution passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Faculty Senate Third Member-at-Large 2020-2021 Election Results

Faculty Senate Member-at-Large: Julie Wright

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Changes

Q&A

- Why was committee membership deleted?
 - Committee information will be contained in Committee Operating Procedures
- What are the major changes?
 - Senate President term of 2 years
 - Addition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Faculty Appeals Board
 - Elimination of Committee on Committees
 - Formation of Council of Advisors
 - Appropriate wording for faculty representation

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and unanimously passed at 5:21pm.