LSU A&M FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 22-03
Formation of a Planning Committee to Hold an Annual Faculty Council Meeting
Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas Faculty Council voted in favor of forming a faculty senate and to adopt the Constitution of the Faculty Senate which was adopted March 1, 1973. (Faculty Council Records, Box 9/Faculty Senate Records, Box 9, Faculty Handbook 1973).

Whereas in May 14, 1973 the Board of Supervisors approved the formation of a Faculty Senate (Faculty Council Records, Box 9/LSU Board of Supervisors, Reel 16) (Faculty Council Records, Box 9/Faculty Senate Records, Box 9, Faculty Handbook 1973).

Whereas the 2005 Faculty Senate Constitution, Article I, Nature and Function Section 2 states: “The Faculty Senate shall possess 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 duties of the Faculty Council... to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, determine requirements for degrees, and generally determine educational policy for the University, subject to the authority of the LSU Board of Supervisors. Such power shall be exercised by the Senate at any and all times when the Council is not in session. The Senate shall represent the Council in all matters and shall be deemed to voice the policies, opinions, and sentiments of the Council on any matter within its jurisdiction.”

Whereas the 2005 Faculty Senate Constitution Article I Nature and Function section 6 states that “The Senate shall present a report of its activities and actions to the Council at each regular meeting of the Council and at such other time or times as the Council shall by resolution provide”.

Whereas the faculty must have input into setting the agenda and for determining the timing of the Faculty Council meetings.

Whereas the 2005 Faculty Senate Constitution Article I Nature and Functions section 7 states that “at any meeting of the Faculty Council for which the item is on the agenda distributed prior to the meeting, the Council may, by vote of a majority of those present and voting, review, modify, overrule, or otherwise deal with any action taken by the Faculty Senate. Upon the written request of 50 members or 10 percent of the Faculty Council, whichever is the smaller number, final action of the Senate shall be submitted to the Council for review. Upon written request of a majority of the Senate, any pending matter may be referred to the Faculty Council for final action”.

Whereas the Board of Supervisors Regulations Article 1 Section 2 states “Each faculty or Faculty Council shall meet at least once each academic year. It can be convened on the written request of 50 members or 20 percent of the membership, whichever is the smaller number. A council quorum may not be less than 25 percent of the membership”.

Whereas 2005 Faculty Senate Constitution Article VII Amendments states that “Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Faculty Senate or by any member of the Faculty Council’ and ‘Amendments to this constitution shall become effective upon adoption by the Faculty Council by two thirds vote of the members of the Faculty Council present and comprising a quorum. Amendments may also become effective upon adoption by mail ballot in which twenty-five percent of the Faculty Council responds and two thirds of those responding approve”.

Whereas Faculty Senate voted on October 29, 2020 to adopt changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution which have yet to be approved by the faculty as a whole.

Whereas the last known vote on changes in the Faculty Senate constitution by the Faculty Council was in February 2004, with the resulting vote being 619 yes and 23 no as reported by email by Carruth McGehee on March 1, 2004.

Therefore Be It Resolved that a mail ballot be sent as soon as feasible to all faculty members requesting their vote on the October 29, 2020 changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Faculty Senate form the Faculty Council Planning Committee whose mission and duties would be the following as discussed and proposed by all FSEC members:

“The mission of the Faculty Senate Faculty Council Planning Committee is to ensure that there is an annual Faculty Council meeting.”

“The Committee will be responsible for preparing an agenda, in cooperation with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and input from any Faculty Council member who chooses to contribute, and for developing plans for when the meeting will be held and coordinating logistics for the location of the meeting and how it will be conducted, in cooperation with the President’s or their designee’s office and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.”