

LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting January 20, 2023 3:00pm, 234 Stubbs Hall, Louisiana State University

Minutes

Committee Members In Attendance:

Hana Beloglavec Jeffrey Roland Jonathan Snow Daniel Tirone Allison Young

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 3:00pm on January 20, 2023 in room 234 of Stubbs Hall on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All five committee members were present and there were no guests or public comments. Minutes from the two prior meetings were adopted unanimously following a motion by Roland.

Snow informed the committee about his recent presentation to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on the potential changes in faculty governance structure under consideration in the policy committee. He characterized the FSEC as receptive to these ideas, particularly to the degree in which it would bring governance under the umbrella of the Senate. Ensuing discussion in the Policy Committee focused on making sure that greater centralization of faculty governance did not provide an opportunity for the administration or others to ignore dissenting faculty perspectives.

The committee then turned its attention to ways in which to implement the ideas discussed in the prior meeting, including but not limited to moving the Graduate Council and Council on Research under the authority of the Senate. Various options were considered and there was general consensus that any potential reforms should be focused on increasing faculty participation and access to governance. Beloglavec suggested that the acronym "ACT" be adopted for the guiding principles of accountability, communication, and transparency that should be prioritized in any suggested changes to governance structures or procedures. This was enthusiastically supported by the committee members.

The committee then decided that as part of their next steps Roland would collect and compile proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws; Snow and Tirone would continue to develop a strategy for bringing the Graduate Council and Council on Research into the Senate committees; and all members would think about how to incorporate the ACT principles. The next meeting time was also set for 12:30pm on Friday, February 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm following a motion from Roland that was passed unanimously.

Daniel Tirone, Secretary