

**Minutes of Faculty Senate (FS) Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2010**  
**Admin Rm 2-91, ULM Campus**  
**12:30-2:20 p.m.**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President- Elect Hill called the meeting to order and Secretary Reid called the roll.

**Senators Present:** M. Bontty, D. Chandler, Y. Dupre, J. Feldhaus, A. Hill, M. Lowe, L. Nicholson, M. Parker, S. Owens L. Reid, D. Rhorer, C. Steckline, P. Sylvester, H. Wilson

**Senators Absent:** B. Walker\*, J. Anderson, W. Campbell\*, C. Grinnell, C. Hutto\*, K. Kervin

on each. In addition, members wrote a resolution opposing the changes in ORP distributions. The resolution has been sent to Dr. Moffett.

After returning to Monroe, FAC Chair Rhorer called FS members of the University Planning Council (UPC) to discuss the policies. President Walker called a meeting and Provost Richters was invited to join the discussion. After the meeting Dr. Richters said he was going to bring this up with other provosts across the State for policy clarification. Before the next FAC meeting, which will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge, members will ask their senates and faculty members to voice opinion about the two new

donations broke even last year, but the actual number of donors dropped by 19%. Services such as Graphic Services and the farm may need to be cut or out-sourced. Enrollment is up this Spring putting 9000 students. Progress has been made by the Staff Senate in getting its bylaws in place. SS elections will be held this spring and SS should be in place May 1. SGA is planning the Mardi Gras Ball for February 4 and are concerned about parking lot lighting for night classes.

A question was raised about hiring academic advisors when faculty members are advising and other jobs are being cut. Senator Lowe suggested that SACS may require these advisors to meet SACS standards.

The next UPC meeting will be at 4:00 pm, Tuesday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> floor Library. The first Faculty Chat for this semester will be 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Thursday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at the University House with the Provost, FS President Walker, and President-Elect Hill.

**Elections Committee** Senator Feldhaus presented concerns with doing elections electronically. He stressed the need for a rapid turnaround with mail ballots. Senator Reid expressed concern about delays with on-campus mail.

#### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Program self review:** Senator Chandler reported that departmental reports are back and no meeting has been set. The plan is to summarize these reports to have ready after the PERC report. The committee is creating a formula to create this summary. Additional data is being provided by Dr. FS will request a copy of the summary.

**Faculty Productivity and Performance:** Senator Nickelson reported a meeting was held on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize the faculty workload policy which will be implemented as a pilot program.

**Administrative Productivity and Performance:** Senator Hill reported that the committee has not met. This was discussed with the President Cofer and a new chair may need to be selected.

**Curriculum Review:** Senator Chandler reported the next meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup> to address the charge.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**ORP Resolution** has been sent.

#### **New Business:**

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**Other Business:**

Senator Reid presented a letter received from TRSL regarding the current ORP providers. Their contracts will expire in June 30, 2010. New contracts are being negotiated and may or may not be with current providers.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Reid  
Faculty Senate Secretary

\* indicates excused absence;  
Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded