

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 19 2013
Student Center 160 ULM Campus
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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

Senators Present: Anderson, Caldwell, Craighead, Cumming Strunk, Dagley, Frye, Giles, Gissendanner, Hill, Jackson, Lasiter, Niemi, Pope, Stockley, Sylvester, Vangelisti, Wiedemeier, White

Senators Absent: Bray*, Wilson*

Handouts circulated: Electronically circulated documents included the Agenda for September 9 meeting, the Draft of FS Minutes for the August 29 2013 meeting, and the Draft of ULM FS Memorandum

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Secretary Cumming Strunk called the roll.

The Minutes of the FS August 29 meeting were reviewed. Minor changes were noted. The motion to accept the minutes with minor changes was passed with one abstention (Craighead/Jackson)

Agenda Items

- x The motion to accept the appointed senator passed (Sylvester/Giles).
- x The Executive Committee members reported on their meeting with VPAA Dr. Pani and the Deans Council. Much discussion ensued.
 - o Alternate reorganization plans were mentioned. The intention of this reorganization is to cut administrative structure instead of faculty or programs.
 - o The committee lobbied for the Graduate School to be independent of the Colleges.
 - o The figure of cutting \$1.5 million from the budget is a goal set by Dr. Bruno.
 - o The reorganization is set to begin on January 1, 2014. Realize the savings as soon as possible. The first year there will be \$300,000 in savings. In recurring years, it will be in 5R 3

Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Elections Committee.

- x Faculty Welfare Committee is still working on the Faculty Survey from March 2013.
 - o A majority of the answers presented no conclusion on a specific question. The spread of D Q V Z H U V I U R P 3 V W U R Q J O \ D J U H H ' W R 3 W U T H E R W O R D S \ G L V I W K L M S L V H 3 V H Q W H G D O The committee has been charged to analyze the data further. The faculty should be presented with the results.
- x The Faculty Handbook Subcommittee is updating the Faculty Handbook

x The ad Hoc Committee Selection Committee has filled all the open seats on requested committees.

x Unfinished business

o The Faculty Workload Ad Hoc Committee members discussed their recent meeting.

The committee is working from a report created in 2009. Many of the items were unfinished in this report. The charge of the current committee is to rewrite the Faculty Handbook policy on Faculty Workload to make it more accurate and effective.

President Anderson discussed the state of Science labs citing Physics labs as an example. Some Physics labs run 3 hours long. The set up per lab takes 3 faculty members 90 minutes. Then there is grading that takes place afterward. The students receive 1 credit hour. Currently, the faculty member receives 3 credit hours. Suggestions were made to give the faculty member 1.5 credit hours. This ZRXOG HIIHFWLYHO\ LQFUHDVH WKDW effective\ PHF decrease the quality of the labs.

Senator Vangelisti is collecting data in VAPA. For accreditation Music faculty members are supposed to receive 2/3 hour credit per lesson. Suggestions were made to give 1/3 hours credit per lesson. Also in Studio Art classes involve 1 hour of lecture and 3 hours in the studio for 3 credits for the faculty member.

A motion was made to consider taking action (such as a Town Hall Meeting) in our own favor (Giles/Frye). This passed.

A motion was made to make a friendly amendment to advocate for Higher Ed in Louisiana as in all the institutions not just ULM (Hill/Dagley). This passed.

Louisiana has cut Higher Education by 17% in the last year while almost every other state has increased their funding. The ULS Board has lobbied the legislature on Higher