



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
10am, 11 September 2023
Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Present: Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President),
Parampreet Singh (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large),
Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large)

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:03 am on Sep 11, 2023, at Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom at the school of Music in the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted unanimously following a motion by Tirone.

In her updates, President Bazayev mentioned that she has been appointed as the chair of Council of Faculty Advisors. She presented a report to the Board of Supervisors on 9/8/23 which was very well received. In addition, Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy has contacted President Bazayev and Vice President Tirone about a discussion on the Faculty Handbook.

The first item of the new business was parking at Patrick F. Taylor building where some faculty from the College of Engineering have reached out to Bazayev expressing concerns that “B” parking slots have been reassigned as “A” slots. Bazayev will reach out to the Parking Office for more details. Committee members also discussed that faculty members can reach out to the Administrative Process Improvement Committee if concerns are not mitigated.

The committee then discussed logistics of the luncheon for chairs of the standing and ad-hoc committees of the Faculty Senate which is expected to be organized in the second half of September at the Club at Union Square.

Tirone moved to “table the discussion of the agenda of the Faculty Senate meeting on Sep 19th and suspend the rules to allow to take Guidelines on Minutes from Robert’s Rules as the next item of business.” Passed unanimously.

In the next business, the committee discussed various merits of writing minutes according to Robert's rules. Tirone moved to approve "the minutes format compliant with Robert's rules and distribute that to various committees of the Faculty Senate." Passed unanimously.

Tirone moved to "take off the table the consideration of agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on Sep 19th." After discussion on agenda items, Tirone moved to "add to agenda a presentation on the guidance on minutes from Robert's Rules and a presentation by the chair of ad-hoc FS IT committee." Passed unanimously. Tirone then moved to "approve the amended agenda of the Faculty Senate meeting on Sep 19th." Passed unanimously.

On the Policy Memorandum 24 (Council of Faculty Advisors), the committee discussed logistics of CoFA meetings, especially the constraints faced by CoFA representatives coming from across the state in the very early hours and missing their research and educational commitments for the entire day.

On the business of Graduate Student Evaluations sent by the LSU Graduate School, the committee members found the process to be overburdening and potentially redundant. Kazuschyk moved to "invite Kevin Breaux from Graduate School to FSEC at his earliest convenience." Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed Graduate Student Health Insurance where various difficulties still faced by graduate students including those who are out of state, and those registered for research credit hours were discussed.

The cost for New Senator Luncheon hosted on 9/6/23 was \$468.31. Tirone moved to "approve the funds to cover the cost of the luncheon." Passed unanimously.

The cost for the presence of LSU Police Department personnel to be present, for 4 hours each, in the Faculty Senate meetings for this academic year is \$2520. Ringelman moved to "approve the cost for LSU PD at faculty Senate Meetings." Passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the Geaux Gold event and presentation by the Faculty Senate in it. Next events in this academic year will be held on Nov 27, March 22 and May 24.

The committee then discussed recent appointments to the Courses & Curricula committee.

The next item of business was discussion of appointments to standing committees. The committee discussed vacancies in the Faculty Adjudication committee and elections.

The committee members then discussed the language used by HR for job applications from citizens of countries considered adversaries of the United States.

The next item of business was the Provost's AI memo where various aspects of this rapidly emerging technology and its ramifications at LSU, at the national as well as international level were discussed. The committee discussed the benefits and logistical issues of introducing AI courses.

The final item of business was the solicitation of nominations for the election of a member at large in FSEC. An email will be sent to seek nominations by Sep 20 and nominations will also be allowed from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am following a motion by Ringelman. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary