



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 pm, 07 August 2024
Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Inessa Bazayev (Past-President), Parampreet Singh (Vice-President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 1:04 pm on August 07, 2024, at the Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

President's Updates

1. Change in state policy for business meals: State funds can no longer be used to cover business meals (lunches, catering, etc.) for standard university business. Exceptions are meals for job candidates and guest speakers. Changes in state law will be reflected in revisions to PM 13.
2. Meeting with Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Academic Affairs to discuss the Integrative Learning Core Committee. Tirone and Singh will meet with ILC committee chairs next week.
3. Campus Security and Safety Meeting: Covered emergency exercises, e.g., shootings, natural weather disasters. Faculty have emergency buttons on classroom podiums. Faculty concerns include addressing indoor air quality.
4. Meeting with Provost- Attendance audit plan discussed (first and second stages) and was received with no hesitation or concerns. The first stage, or pilot, will be sponsored by the Faculty Senate this Fall. Based on this information, the second stage, or survey, will follow. The recommendation was made for a faculty member (or group) to approach this second stage as a research project, to be funded and results published. Tirone will reach out to the new Student President to ascertain the level of continued interest.
5. Meeting with the Provost and Vice Provost in response to a faculty concern regarding Spring Break violating FS Resolution 15-02. FS resolutions 15-02, 9-11, 08-03 (all resolutions involving the timing of Spring Break) were discussed, as well as PS 117 (Academic Calendar). Spring Break this year does not follow the FS resolution 15-02 but is consistent with PS 117.
6. Office of Academic Affairs New Faculty Orientation. Tirone will give a 15 min. presentation about the Faculty Senate.
7. World Languages- request someone at Faculty Retreat (same time at OAA orientation) to discuss new plan for remote instruction and how faculty implement it. Regarding the remote instruction plan, Disability Services is reviewing it and there will likely be updates.
8. FS guidebook is nearly complete and should be ready for the first FS meeting or shortly

thereafter.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **SAA Academic Misconduct Pilot**. FSEC extensively discussed the SAA's reasoning for proposing the change and how faculty and students would be affected by the change. Tirone summarized discussions with Sanders and Wyatt, and noted that the academic penalties for violations of the code of conduct would not be changed. SAA plans to implement informal resolution process in the coming academic year. FSEC agreed that a joint committee with a pilot for the coming year will be good to provide faculty feedback. After an elaborate discussion on pros and cons, a motion was made by Singh: FSEC agrees to participate in a one-year pilot to allow SAA to use informal resolution of allegations of academic misconduct with the following conditions: There is a joint SAA faculty committee to oversee the process, review its effectiveness, and develop policies and guidelines for which cases are eligible, and to make any necessary improvements. And that continuation of the informal resolution process beyond the academic year requires an affirmative vote from the Faculty Senate. Faculty appointments to the oversight committee will be made by FSEC. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Singh to suspend the Agenda and take up Broadcast Email on Committees. Motion passed unanimously.
3. The next item of new business was **Broadcast Email on Committees**. A motion was made by Singh to authorize Tirone to send out next week a broadcast email to all faculty to seek nominations for various committees. Motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Singh to suspend the Agenda and take up as the next business item the FSEC Meeting Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The last item of new business was **FSEC Meeting Schedule**. FSEC will now meet weekly. A motion was made by Osborn to ask Cobb to send out two separate when2meet polls to schedule next week and the week after; then moving forward we will look to schedule meetings two to three weeks ahead of time. Motion passed unanimously. Cobb will send out a when2meet poll to schedule the weeks of Aug. 12th and 19th.

Singh moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary