

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 am, 1 April 2024 251 Music & Dramatic Arts Building, School of Music

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

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

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:02 am on April 1, 2024, at the 251 Music and Dramatic Arts Building in the 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 following a motion by Ringelman.

President's updates: (i) Bazayev discussed tuition remission with Provost Haggerty; (ii) Discussion on Louisiana Senate Bill 403 allowing gubernatorial appointment of the chairs of the Boards of Supervisors of each system and officers of higher education; (iii) Discussion on Louisiana House Bill 777 which prohibits the use of public funds for transactions involving the American Library Association; (v) Bazayev, Ringelman and Osborn will meet with LSU President William F. Tate IV, Chief Data Officer Keena Arbuthnot and the Vice President of Enrollment Management Danny Barrow to discuss student enrollment; (vi) Discussion on increase in a number of students requesting Disability Services; (vii) Staff President Duplechain has requested a faculty member to serve on the committee for Staff and Faculty Excellence and Enrichment award.

In the first item of the unfinished business, the committee discussed Grammarly for students and continued discussions on the special committee to be formed to advise on this matter.

The next item of the unfinished business was Enrollment Management. Ringelman discussed various issues regarding student enrollment.

The committee then discussed the Ad Hoc FSIT Committee. Singh updated on the progress of the committee on the revision of IT policies.

The next item of business was the location of Faculty Senate meeting in April. Cobb updated on the renovations in the Dalton Woods auditorium. Given few risks of any disruption, committee members expressed desire to schedule the April meeting at the Dalton Woods auditorium. The committee then discussed the agenda of the April Faculty Senate meeting. After a preliminary discussion of the agenda items, Tirone moved to postpone further discussion to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Benefits Committee Membership: Tirone moved to appoint Roy Heidelberg and George Strain on this committee. Passed unanimously.

The last item of the unfinished business was LSU Online Faculty Evaluations. Bazayev reached out to Director of Testing and Evaluation Services David O'Brien and updated on the discussions. O'Brien assured Bazayev that in future evaluation period will end before the final exams.

The first item in the new business was ASH proposals. After a discussion, Ringelman moved to approve the North America Veterinary Licensing Exam proposal. Passed unanimously. The LSU Vet Med Admissions proposal was approved following a motion by Ringelman. Tirone moved to postpone discussion on ASH proposals from Graduate Council to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

The next item in the new business was Committee Elections. Cobb was requested to send details of the membership of standing committees for which members need to be elected in the near future.

The committee then discussed C&C Committee Membership. The Office of ADA and Accessibility has expressed desire to appoint a voting member to this committee. Committee members noted that voting membership to the Faculty Senate committees is prohibited for faculty with administrative roles beyond the Department Chair, and that non-faculty administrators cannot be voting members.

As the last item of the agenda, the committee discussed Faculty Senate budget. Tirone moved to authorize Cobb to determine expenses for the reception at the April Faculty Senate meeting. Passed unanimously.

Tirone moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 am. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary