

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting 12:30 pm, 14 February 2024 135F Thomas Boyd Hall

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

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

Absent: Inessa Bazayev (President), Mandi Lopez (Past President)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:30 pm on Feb 14, 2024, at 135F Thomas Boyd Hall at the LSU campus, with the Vice President being the Chair and the Secretary being present.

T. Gregory Guzik, Professor from the Department of Physics and Astronomy presented a public comment on the agenda item IT100. Guzik discussed various difficulties posed by the administrative processes in acquisition of journal subscriptions for personal use.

Osborn moved to suspend the rules and consider IT100 as the next item of business. Passed unanimously. Singh updated on various discussions with Chief Information Officer Craig Woolley and Director of Digital Accessibility Buddy Etheridge. Singh mentioned that the underlying issue is the Merchant Classifying Code which creates problems while purchasing subscriptions using LaCarte card. Singh would continue discussions with Woolley and Etheridge to mitigate these issues.

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted following a motion by Kazuschyk.

In the Chair's updates Tirone mentioned that he participated in a meeting with LSU administration and representatives of TRSL to discuss House Bill 31 filed by Rep. Freiberg. Potential amendments to the bill were discussed.

The first item of unfinished business was Grammarly. Committee members discussed a request by Chief Information Officer Craig Woolley on a proposed statement in budget justification for Grammarly for students if it is allowed in future. Committee members expressed no objections to the proposed statement.

The next item on the agenda was the Ed Tech survey. Singh mentioned that there has been a strong response to the survey. The committee discussed if more incentives need to be ordered. Ringelman moved to send a Broadcast Email as a reminder to the faculty. Passed unanimously.

In the new business, the committee discussed the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on Feb 20th. Osborn moved to approve the agenda consisting of President's Report, ASH proposals on "I" Grade Policy Change by Graduate School and Change in Concentrated Study Period, Presentation on Campus Safety by Michael Antoine, Associate Vice President for Campus Safety, Emergency Preparedness & Emergency Response or a representative from his office, and a Presentation on Workday Student by Clay Benton, University Registrar; Robin Ethridge, Executive Director of Data Architecture; and Ryan Landry, Assistant Vice Provost for Policy & Administration. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed appointments to the Nomination Committee for the election of FSEC members in April.

The next item of business was the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting. Committee members discussed extending the invitation to Ravi Rau and Brett Wolfe to join a FSEC meeting soon to discuss the agenda.

Ringelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary