

# **Faculty Senate**

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
27 September 2024
11:30am, 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), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Carmela Mattza (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

#### Absent:

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 11:30 am on September 27, 2024, in 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. Singh and Tirone met with Tracey Blanchard (Student Advocacy and Accountability) to discuss the usage of GLEAN. After some discussion began, Lopata called for a point of order to hold further discussion until later in the agenda.
- 2. Following up on an earlier discussion, Tirone created a document stating proposed changes to the format of the ILC committee. He shared it with the Chairs of the ILC committee, who then shared it with the committee members. The committee is considering these changes.
- 3. Tirone contacted Academic Affairs and Kappie Mumphrey from LSU Online to discuss the naming of the LSU Online "Faculty Council" because of potential confusion with the Faculty Council, in both the name and function, as defined by the Board of Supervisors. Mumphrey will meet the members of the LSU Online Faculty Council to further discuss.
- 4. Singh and Tirone discussed with Provost Haggerty the current interpretation of the Louisiana Revised Statute 17:1826 and its administrative implications. They will follow up with Academic Affairs and General Counsel and report back.
- 5. Board of Supervisors will be making changes to their regulations to accommodate pending changes to PM-23 at its October meeting. These changes include the creation of new categories for instructors.
- 6. Tirone reached out to Academic Affairs regarding extending the deadline of the Remote Learning Plan Survey. The new deadline will be Wednesday, Oct. 2.
- 7. Singh and Tirone will be having lunch with the President and Vice President of Student Government. Discussion will include collaboration to study student attendance.
- 8. Tirone heard from Kirsty Wyatt (SAA) that final approval has been received for the pilot of the informal resolution review process. FSEC will work on establishing an evaluation committee that includes the faculty who teach in the undergraduate program, with

representation across the disciplines.

### **Unfinished**

- 1. The first item of unfinished business was **Committee Appointments**. Kazuschyk made a motion to appoint Giulio Mariotti to the Internationalization Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. Singh made a motion to appoint Gerry Knapp (Engineering), Daniel Sheehy (College of Science), and Subramaniam Sathivel (Ag Center). The motion was unanimously approved. ILC and Budget & Planning still have positions to be filled.
- 2. The next item of unfinished business was **Retirement Task Force**. Singh attended the second meeting. A presentation was given about how the Louisiana retirement system compares to those of other SEC schools. Singh requested that a similar comparison be made to other schools in states where there is no social security. There were also presentations given by TRSL, TIAA, Corebridge, Voya. TIAA Singh was appointed vice chair of this task force.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and move to What Every Faculty Member Should Know in New Business.

#### **New Business**

1. The first item of new business was **What Every Faculty Member Should Know** from the September 19, 2024 meeting. After some small changes, Singh made a motion to approve the distributed WEFMSK document. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and move to Broadcast Email. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. The next item of new business was **Broadcast Email**. Singh made a motion to approve a broadcast email to be sent on Monday morning with the following topics: i. President's Report; ii. WEFMSK; iii. Remote learning plan Survey; iv. ITS satisfaction survey; v. African and African American Studies Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> event. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and move to Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting 10/7. The motion was unanimously approved.

**3.** The next item of new business was **Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting 10/7.** Planned speakers are available to give presentations on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Osborn made a motion to cancel the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and move to Agenda for FSEC Meeting 9/30. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4.** The next item of new business was **Agenda for FSEC Meeting 9/30.** Osborn made a motion to cancel the FSEC meeting on 9/30. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting will be rescheduled to Monday 10/7.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and move to LMS Update. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 5. The next item of new business was **LMS Update**. Singh has met with representatives from Moodle to discuss the LSU version of Moodle that is a primitive and outdated version. Moodle representatives invited Singh to consider newer versions of Moodle; there is a meeting in October that will focus on the current version of Moodle.
  - Mattza made a motion to approve up to \$3500 expenditure for Singh to attend and investigate the capacity of Moodle at moodlemoot and report back findings. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - Singh made a motion for Tirone to inform Craig Woolley (ITS), Jackie Bach (OAA), and Kappie Mumphrey (LSU Online) that FSEC has approved the travel to learn more about Moodle, but that Singh is not attending the meeting in any official capacity. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kazuschyk moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary