

Minutes

Faculty Senate

University of Louisiana at Monroe

March 13, 2008

Members Present: Brett Bennett, Monica Bontty, Sally Davidson, Joseph Feldhaus, Stephen Fox, Anna Hill, Cecil Hutto, Kitty Kervin, Megan Lowe, Jack Palmer, Linda Reid, Donna Rhorer, Dorothy Schween, C. Turner Steckline, John Sutherlin, Bruce Walker, and Holly Wilson

Members Absent: David Hare, Lance Nickelson, Mona Oliver (excused), Shirlee Owens, Jeff Rush, and Pamela Saulsberry

President Steckline called the meeting to order. Secretary Rhorer called the roll. The minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Elections--Senator Feldhaus thanked committee members for their work, and he reported on the nominations he had received thus far. Senator Hill suggested when notices go out that faculty be told which senators are retiring or not running. Senator Steckline will work with Senator Feldhaus to send out an email about elections and openings.

Executive Board--Members met on March 6, 2008, with the deans, the Provost, and Associate Provost to discuss survey results and our plan of action for the university. Senators Walker and Owens were included in the meeting because of their work on the Action Plan. As a result of the meeting, 3 members of Executive Board will meet with the 3 new deans to incorporate our suggested actions where applicable into the Strategic Plan for ULM.

Academic Standards--No report.

Constitution and Bylaws--The committee has been asked to look at the topics of intellectual property and academic freedom. Members wanted to know if this included copyrighted material and/or materials prepared for online presentations. The comment was made that the AAUP has clear guidelines concerning academic freedom. Committee members expressed concern that they have no jurisdiction over this. The matter was referred to Academic Standards.

Faculty Welfare--Committee members looked once again at the survey about the Faculty Senate conducted in April 2007, and they considered the topic of post tenure review. Instead of developing a post tenure review policy, the committee drafted a faculty development and remediation program. In addition, the committee reviewed Faculty Handbook requirements for promotion and tenure and hosted another Faculty Friends gathering.

Fiscal Affairs--No report.

Enrollment Management Council--No meeting.

STAP--Senator Sutherlin encouraged all to come up with a plan to work with students and to submit that plan for consideration.

Shared Governance--Initial meetings will be held tomorrow at 8, 9:30, and 10:30 in Sub A; focus groups have a short window to meet. FS will meet as a focus group; faculty will meet by department or small departments will meet together in groups of 15. Bob Cage is in charge. Facilitators are to take notes and to give that information back to the committee.

New Business

Faculty Handbook Committee--Linda Reid reported that the committee met on February 21, 2008, to go over information item by item. Several changes were made and will go into the handbook. Senator Wilson moved to accept the handbook changes; Senator Schween provided the second. Senator Reid will submit the approved changes on behalf of the Senate.

Faculty Welfare Committee will meet next week to consider the request from Provost Richters that we develop an academic program review policy. Senators were asked to send any suggestions to Senator Wilson.

President Steckline reminded everyone that informational meetings are coming up. Sessions were rearranged so Nursing faculty could attend. Senator Rhorer moved to adjourn.