

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2012
Rm 170, Student Center, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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Senators Present: Anderson, Bray, Carpenter, Chenoweth, Eisenstadt, Frye, Giles, Hill, Lasiter, Niemla, Pope, Sampognaro, Stockley, Strunk, Sutton, Sylvester, Tommerdahl, Walker, Wiggins, Wilson

Senators Absent: *Caldwell, Owens

Guest: None

Handouts circulated: Electronically circulated documents included the Drafts of Minutes of FS August 23, 2012 and September 7, 2012 meetings, Agenda for FS September 13 meeting, President's budget presentation, BOR budget formula methodology, budget appendices, program prioritization document, program prioritization matrix, enrollment figures for Fall 2012, FS committee recommendations, FS committee charges, grade exclusion policy and the proposed ULM logos.

President Sylvester **called the meeting to order**, at 12:35 p.m.

Secretary Sampognaro **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the FS August 23, 2012** and September 7, 2012 meetings were **accepted** with minor corrections. (Eisenstadt/Frye)

Agenda Items:

- President Sylvester provided an Executive Committee Report from the Executive Council meeting held on September 11, 2012.
 - The program prioritization method was discussed. There were ten criteria used, 7 of which were objective and 3 were arbitrary and were agreed upon by the Deans. This document was posted on the Senate Moodle page.
 - Preliminary enrollment figures for the fall semester indicate that we may be down around 67 students from last year. However, total SCH's as well as Dual Enrollment numbers have increased. Full time student numbers have increased, but the number of graduate students is down. President Sylvester asked in what areas were the graduate students decreased, and Dr. Pani said he would find that information and let us know. It was estimated that the enrollment would be down about 25 students total. It was also noted that the number of students in the Honors Program has doubled.
- Karen Frye, chair of the Selection Committee, reported the committee's progress toward assigning the seven university committees the FS was assigned. They are about 95% complete and are waiting on responses from the Deans to finish this task. Once the committees are filled, they will be posted on Moodle and we will vote by email to approve.

- The Office of Academic Affairs had 24 committees to fill. Four of these committees were sent to FS to name a FS approved member. The following recommendations were made and unanimously approved by the FS (Eisenstadt/Niemla):
 - Faculty Development Committee – Sami Nazzal
 - University Calendar Committee – Anna Hill
 - Research Council – John Anderson
 - Honors Council - Joshua Stockley
- President Sylvester received agenda items from each College and assigned these issues to respective FS committees. A list of these is below and, committees were asked to begin addressing the items they were assigned.
 - Faculty Welfare Committee
 - Tenure and Promotion Policy and Procedure Changes in College of Arts and Sciences
 - Faculty retention
 - Program/Department prioritization
 - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) policies and blogs
 - Improve shared governance
 - Faculty Handbook Committee
 - Social Media Policy
 - Fiscal Affairs
 - Budget (local): Faculty pay raises
 - Budget (statewide): Active lobbying regarding inequities in funding formula; No reward to meeting GRAD Act requirements
 - Lab and Professional fees: Need to be returned to Departments and Colleges
 - Academic Standards
 - Create Senate task force to improve performance of Registrar’s Office
 - Large class sizes, no overload for excessively large online enrollment in classes
 - Updates regarding reconfiguration of Colleges
 - Lack of Director of OSPR
 - Improvement needed in communication at all levels of University
- The next Academic Affairs Talk was scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012. President Sylvester was scheduled to be out of town on that day. Senator Eisenstadt volunteered to be present at the Talk.
- The next Academic Summit Meeting will be held in Alexandria on September 29th. President Sylvester is going and invited anyone else that may be interested to accompany him.
- The proposed ULM logos were discussed and the majority of the FS voted to keep the current logos. (Hill/Frye) Three members were opposed to this.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

- At the end of last semester, faculty were asked to answer a survey evaluating the administration. There was a statement at the end asking that if you experienced difficulty taking the survey to contact the Computing Center. Senator Wilson did so and just received an email many months after responding to her concern. When she asked why it took so long to respond, she was told that

her concern was just received. There are clearly some problems in the administration and processing of this survey.

- Senator Wilson asked what the requirements are to teach in the Honors Program. Senator Stockley stated that there are no minimum qualifications to teach in this program.
- The second floor of Stubbs has been remodeled and currently houses the business incubator. There are very few offices filled there and it has a large amount of empty space. The question was raised asking about housing displaced faculty here. Information was then provided explaining that the business incubator area in Stubbs was remodeled using money allocated specifically for incubator use.

The next FS meeting will take place on October 18, 2012 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Sampognaro, Faculty Senate Secretary

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