

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2012
Rm 205, Stubbs, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Senators Absent: *Caldwell, *Frye, Lasiter, *Wiggins

Guest: None

Handouts circulated: Electronically circulated documents included the Draft of Minutes of FS October 18, 2012 meeting, Agenda for FS November 15 meeting, ULM Student Research Symposium update, Office Hours Policy revision, ULM Social Media Policy, ULS Intellectual Property Policy revision and 2 faculty survey documents.

President Sylvester **called the meeting to order**, at 12:32 p.m.

Secretary Sampognaro **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the FS October 18, 2012** meeting were **accepted** with minor corrections.
(Walker/Hill)

Agenda Items:

- President Sylvester provided an Executive Committee Report from the Executive Council meeting held on November 13, 2012.
 - Dr. Pani asked for numbers regarding participation in the ULM Student Research Symposium over the last five years. The decline in participation is not as large as was thought originally. The Deans agreed to encourage faculty/student participation in this event, as it is very important to the University.
 - Dr. Pani sent President Sylvester a draft of revisions to the Office Hour Policy. This was sent to the FS executive committee that made a few suggested changes and sent it back to Dr. Pani. The FS felt this was something that should have been presented to the entire Senate before being approved by the executive committee. Senator Walker raised a question about night and/or non-traditional office hours for online classes. The Academic Standards committee has been asked to address this and create a draft policy proposal for Dr. Pani. It was noted that there is a total absence of recommendations regarding office hours for online courses; should they be virtual or physical?
 - Both Dean search committees have met and have advertisements approved and ready to be posted.
 - The Social Media Policy was discussed again. A few minor changes were recommended and a motion was made and approved to accept the policy. (Wilson/Walker)

- The ULS Intellectual Property Policy revision was sent to the FS for review. ULM has its own policy so this revision does not significantly impact ULM. After much discussion, there were no substantial objections and no action needed. A motion was made and approved to reserve the right to revisit the revision if needs arise. (Walker/Anderson)
- President Sylvester has repeatedly attempted to schedule a meeting to discuss the task force's report on the Office of the Registrar. He had not been able to schedule this meeting thus far, but will continue trying.
- The FS was asked for input regarding the Faculty Workload Policy. Originally this entailed teaching, research and service. A committee will be formed by the Office of VPAA to define faculty workload.
- Dr. Bruno's presentation to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget was emailed to the faculty. The legislators now claim to understand that there is a problem and that all of the ULS schools are suffering; however, nothing was proposed to address these problems.
- The Fiscal Affairs Committee met and reported that there is a great deal to suggest that approaching legislators on behalf of ULM is still a good idea, but this message will be more effective coming from significant voices in the community. The trick is getting these people/companies to speak out. Making a catchy video was suggested and Senator Stockley asked John Rodriguez to look into creating one.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee is working on a faculty survey and will try to have a draft ready for the FS at the January meeting.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

The next FS meeting will take place on January 17, 2013 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Sampognaro, Faculty Senate Secretary

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