

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2014
Walker 1-102, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded
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Senators Present: Jeffrey Anderson, John Anderson, Craighead, Dagley, Eisenstadt, Frye, Giles, Gissendanner, Hare, A. Hill, R. Hill, Kaleem, Lasiter, Lovett, Michael, Nazzal, Niemla, Stockley, Vangelisti, White, Wiedemeier

Senators Absent: None

Faculty Senate President Stockley **called the meeting to order** at 12:32 p.m.

Faculty Senate Secretary Gissendanner **called the roll**.

Approval of Minutes:

- There were no suggested edits to the 9-25-14 minutes. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (Eisenstadt/Wiedemeier).

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee:
 - Sen. Frye and Sec. Gissendanner provided a summary of the administration's plans to establish a research corporation. This entity will be involved in obtaining grants and will oversee Sponsored Programs and Research. There is no firm timetable for starting the corporation although some tax ID paperwork has been completed.
 - There was also discussion about the role adjuncts will play in freeing up time for faculty to write grants. Concerns were expressed about the impact on teaching quality.
 - The VPAA Dr. Eric Pani has set-up a committee to look at the final exam situation. Dr. Pani has requested five Senators to serve on the committee. Josh requested volunteers for the committee and Sen. Lassiter, Sen. Wiedemeier, Sen. White, Sen. Hare, and Pres. Stockley volunteered to serve.
- Academic Standards: Sen. Lasiter summarized the information regarding SACS specifications for syllabi. The only requirement is that the syllabus must contain measurable outcomes. It was suggested that common syllabus elements could be posted to Moodle.
- *Ad hoc* library committee: A report for the committee was posted to the Faculty Senate Moodle site. Faculty were able to gain some concessions. Faculty can now review books undergoing deselection. Call numbers for books to be deselected will be posted to the library website every Monday. Faculty will have one week to review the books. Two weeks was not possible due to space issues.

- There were no additional committee reports.

Faculty Handbook revisions on Tenure and Promotion:

- There was discussion about the make-up of the College committees and no changes were suggested.
- Pres. Stockley then initiated discussion of each section requiring a Faculty Senate vote (sections 5.6, 5.6.1, 5.6.2 and 5.6.4). There was extensive discussion of the role of the School Director in conducting Third Year Review as part of section 5.6.1. The originally approved Faculty Senate version stated that the Faculty Mentor/Mentors will conduct the Third Year Review. In Dr. Pani's edits it was noted that this should be the School Director's job. There was extensive discussion on this topic. Most Senators seemed to agree that the School Director should not chair the peer review process since the School Directors perform their own evaluation.
- During this discussion the Senate lost quorum at 1:55pm.
- At this point in the meeting, Pres. Stockley called for an *Ad hoc* Faculty Revisions Committee (FRC) to be formed from the Senators remaining in the meeting. Sen. Jeffrey Anderson was named Chair of this committee and the members consisted of Sens. Dagley, Gissendanner, R. Hill, Lasiter, Nazzal, Stockley, Vangelisti, White, and Wiedemeier. This *ad hoc* committee then reviewed each section.
 - Section 5.6: The FRC agreed to Dr. Pani's edits and the motion to approve the section was passed (Wiedemeier/Gissendanner).
 - Section 5.6.1: The FRC agreed to keep the Faculty Senate version of this section and to not include Dr. Pani's edits. The motion to approve this section passed (R. Hill/Vangelisti)
 - Section 5.6.2: The FRC agreed to Dr. Pani's edits and the motion to approve the section was passed (Wiedemeier/Gissendanner).
 - Section 5.6.4: The FRC agreed to the language changes proposed by Dr. Pani, with the exception of adding a statement regarding anonymity. The motion to approve this section and bring the document up to a Faculty Senate vote, by way of a virtual meeting on Moodle, was approved (R. Hill/White).

Respectfully submitted,

Chris R. Gissendanner, Faculty Senate Secretary