

**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 27, 2015**  
**Hemphill 124, ULM Campus**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded
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**Senators Present:** Jeff Anderson, Debra Craighead, Robert Eisenstadt, Emad El-Giar, Gene Eller, Karen Frye, Chris Gissendanner, David Hare, Cecil Hutto, Faisal Kaleem, Kioh Kim, Jessica Lasiter, Matt Lovett, Sami Nazzal, Heather Pilcher, Savannah Posey, Josh Stockley, Claire Vangelisti, Anthony Walker, Paul Wiedemeier

**Senators Absent:** John Nelson Pope

**I. & II.** Faculty Senate President Gissendanner called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and welcomed us back to our first Fall 2015 meeting.

**III.** Faculty Senate Secretary Frye called the roll.

**IV.** Approval of New Senators – Senators Eller, Craighead, and Wiedemeier were approved. Senators Eisenstadt/Stockley

**V.** Approval of minutes from April 23, 2015 meeting – tabled. Senators Eisenstadt/Weidemeier

**VI. Committee Reports**

A. **Academic Standards:** No report

B. **Constitution and By-Laws:** No Report

C. **Faculty Welfare:** No Report

D. **Fiscal Affairs:** No Report

E. **Elections Committee:** No Report

G. **Faculty Welfare:** No report

H. **Fiscal Affairs:** No report

**VII. Special Orders**

**A. Election of officers to the 2015-2016 Executive Committee**

- Senators Anderson and Frye were nominated for President-Elect. Senator Frye was elected President-Elect.
- Senators Anderson and Vangilisti were nominated for Secretary-Elect. Senator Anderson was elected Secretary-Elect.

Five Senators typically form the Executive Committee – President, President-Elect, Secretary, Secretary-Elect, and Past President.

Since Senator Frye is now both Secretary and President-Elect, President Gissendanner appointed Senator Vangelisti to serve as the fifth member to the Executive Committee.

- B. 2015-2016 Faculty Senate Committee Assignments – Committee assignments were reviewed and posted on FS website.

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Senator Anderson reported on the new Humanities course. Parameters were discussed and it was decided FS needs more information before they can approve the course. Senator Anderson will post documents pertaining to the specifics of course on FS webpage on Moodle. Subsequent to this extra space, Dr. Lon Smith, Chair of UCC, will be invited to present information to FS.
- B. An Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Committee was formed to review Dr. Pani's edits to the Faculty Handbook. Members are: Senators Frye, Vangelisti, and Craighead. Issues which need to be examined are the following: with reorganization, changes to TP policy; Handbook should be reviewed and approved by FS; Dr. Pani removed this text at beginning of FH indicating he is ultimately responsible for policy and FH is policy-based. The issue of pay for eULM classes was discussed, and it was decided Dr. Pani and Paula Thornhill will be invited to a FS meeting to clarify policy; in the meantime, it should be dropped from FH as it appears to be HR issue. The IDC Policy needs to be reworked; it is temporarily suspended due to editing. Dr. Pani had dropped it from the FH, indicating we did not follow it anyway. The FS Ex-Committee met with him and agreed to have Senator Frye join Research Council as FS Representative, get the recommendation from Research Council on edits, and bring recs to FS to review and approve. Finally, the two stop TP appeals process was dropped from FH. This removes faculty's ability to appeal any negative ruling along the pathway. This will be discussed at next FS meeting.

### **IX. New Business**

- A. Fall meeting dates are fine.
- B. President Gissendanner will search for CAES Replacement Senator to the PreMed Committee
- C. Recs for University Committees posted on web
- D. Faculty Senate pay raise survey. President Gissendanner posted a short survey on the FS Moodle web for faculty to note their preferences for an across-the-board adjustment or merit increase. The survey was extended to obtain a maximum number of responses.
- E. The Faculty Welfare Committee was charged to develop a Faculty Attitudes Survey to assess faculty morale, attitudes towards reorganization, etc.
- F. The Academic Standards Committee was charged with examining history of course developments and associated documents and make a recommendation to FS about course.

- G. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was charged with revising the test to reflect current reorganization configuration. Since we no longer have departments, we need to adjust By-Laws to spread out representation of Senators across schools. Please refer to Article I, Section III of By-Laws. Also, on committee appointments, text reads 3 senators only; this should be changed to at least 3 senators to allow for spreading of representation across schools. Article VI, Section II must also be examined for number of appointees.
- H. Fiscal Affairs Committee charged with examining faculty pay raises issues.

**I. Other Business**

- Senators inquired as to where the Faculty Workload Policy is. President Gissendanner noted the Policy is being reviewed by the Council of Deans; no word when it will be available.
- It was noted that there are inconsistencies in web information for Music; this may affect re-accreditation. Thus, this will be brought up in the next Ex-Committee meeting.

X. Adjournment at 2:08 p.m.

Senators Wiedemeier/Stockley

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Karen Frye

Faculty Senate Secretary