

ULM Faculty Senate
Minutes – 10-20-2022

Present: John Anderson, Burt Ashworth, Caroline Carpenter, Donald Colegrove, Blair David, Lacy Davis, Mark Johnston, Jessica Loque, Janelle McDaniel, Brendan Rowley, Hilary Tice, Karen Traxler, and Clifford Tresner

Present via Zoom: Jill Comeau, Gregory Koers, JoEllen Showers, Stacy Starks, Josh Tolleson

Not Present: Ignatio Arellano Torres, Paul Bruce, JeanChristophe Chamceau, Catherine Estis, Deborah Goleman, Linglin Liu

Visitors Present: Chief Tom Torregrossa (ULM PD) and Stacy Austin (Nursing)

Convened: 12:30 pm

Items Discussed:

- 1) Call to Order; Welcome
- 2) Campus Safety with Chief Torregrossa
 - a. Addressed the Faculty Senate about campus safety issues and the measures they are taking to ensure safety of all campus students, faculty, staff, and residents.
 - b. Incident on campus a few weeks ago with an individual with mental health issues approaching faculty in their offices.
 - c. The situation was that people knew who to call, but did not call the correct people to intervene.
 - d. Senator Anderson stated that the mental health initiative has been drafted and submitted to Drs. Berry & Arrant.
 - e. Chief Torregrossa stated that these types of things need to be read & documented.
 - f. ULM PD pledged to help in any way they can.
 - g. Senator Johnston stated that if we can incorporate that initiative into University Week, that would be great. Campus security and safety will be implemented in University 1000 Seminar to educate on safety and mental health.
 - h. President McDaniel stated that we need to know this information in order to reassure parents and students during recruiting efforts that safety is a priority on campus.
- 3) Approval of minutes, please be sure to review the minutes on Moodle and submit any comments or corrections to Lacy Davis, Hillary Tice, or Janelle McDaniel.
- 4) Elections
 - a. President McDaniel stated we need to table elections until we work on the Constitution and By-Laws more. Basically, everybody that would be qualified for that position needs to have more interaction with the Provost and upper administration. Council will be smaller and handle smaller issues. The Senate will handle larger issues. Other institutions follow this model and it seems to work well. There was no opposition to tabling the elections until a future date.
- 5) Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Faculty Welfare Subcommittee update
 - i. There was a question about consensual relationships between faculty and students (p.17)
 - ii. There was discussion about going back and looking at it as a group. It is a very sensitive topic so the subcommittee wanted to wait until the whole committee can convene to discuss concerns and suggestions.
 - 1. The situation can also relate to a senior faculty member and a very junior faculty member. "Power-based" relationships are concerning if there are any occurring.
 - 2. Dr. Henderson agrees that the policy needs to be updated with less ambiguity.
 - b. Constitution and By-Laws Committee
 - i. Needs to meet with President McDaniel this week.
 - ii. The last update to the document was 1972.
- 6) Old Business
- a. There was discussion of a proposal to allow students to re-take courses to replace failing grades. Dean Pratte brought up that repeating courses clogs up the system with students who need the classes.
 - b. NCAA violations
- 7) New Business
- a. The passing of Dr. Derle Long brings up the proposal for a policy in place to help deal with recognition of deceased faculty.
 - i. A memorial statement by the Faculty Senate as to how important the faculty member was to the campus community and their names get mentioned at commencement.
 - ii. What if faculty members who worked closely with the deceased compose a memorial or tribute to them on the ULM website? Could webservices create a website or page for tributes for each individual for students/faculty to upload audio/visual that would be filtered through the program director before it is uploaded officially?
 - b. The Innovations Center is now defunct and the VR lab/program was under the IC.
 - i. Senator Showers stated that they have Masters students coming on campus 24-31 to go over some apps they can use.
 - ii. President McDaniel stated that people feel disconnected from the VR lab.
 - 1. One suggestion is to ask Dr. Arrant if it can be integrated into academic processes for more use and programming.
 - 2. Rick Stevens and Bill Barnett are working on a VR tour of ULM.
 - c. Faculty Week Update
 - i. Senator Traxler (on behalf of a faculty member) commented that a 2-day faculty week is insufficient for preparation for the semester.
 - ii. Senator Colegrove stated that it makes more sense to make it valuable. When it was for one week, we had time to prepare.

- iii. President McDaniel stated that we will keep asking about it and we'll let Student Affairs know because the schedule is not set for the Spring semester yet.
- iv. Senators Loque and Carpenter were present at the Executive Council meeting.
 - 1. Senator Carpenter asked if someone was hired to look at new programs.
 - a. President McDaniel stated that Gray's Consultants was brought in to look at revenue increasing programs to add diversity of industry.
- v. Senator Johnston informed the Senate that CERT Training is Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Senator Anderson motioned to Adjourn: 2:00pm (Seconded by Senator Johnston)