

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE							
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES							
DATE	10/21/2021	PLACE	ZOOM	TIME	1230		
PRESIDING	President Janelle McDaniel			RECORDING	Secretary Hilary Tice		
Roll Call (taken from zoom attendance)  A = Absent, P = Present	Anderson, John	P	Koers, Gregory	P	Starks, Stacy	P	
	Ashworth, Burton	P	Lacey, Susan	P	Tice, Hilary	P	
	Bruce, PaulRobert	A	Liu, LingLin	P	Tresner, Clifford	A	
	Chamcheu, JC	A	Morgan, Patrick	P	VanHoose, Lisa	A	
	Colegrove, Donald	P	Pham, Long	P	Veronee, Kenna	P	
	Estis, Catherine	A	Robertson, Courtney	P	Walker, Bruce	P	
	Golemon, Deborah	A	Rowley, Brendan	A	Wiggins, Sherilyn	P	
	Johnson, Mark	P	Showers, Jo Ellen	P	Yantis, Rebecca	P	
Call to Order	12:34 Meeting called to order, President Janelle McDaniel presiding						
MINUTES	Minutes were reviewed and corrected; motion to approve minutes made by senator Lacey, seconded by senator Wiggins; Minutes accepted as corrected						
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final exam schedule: senators McDaniel and Walker met with President Berry to discuss the final exam schedule, in addition to discussing the issue with the Deans during the faculty senate (FS) executive committee meeting; Dr. Berry is attempting to work with the Registrars office to facilitate a 9-month working schedule and not a 10-month. Dr. Berry confirmed that the date and 9 am time of the final grades' deadline will be kept in place and that the exam schedule will need to stand this semester; however, the faculty does have some leeway in determining how to administer their exams to allow them to meet the deadlines; the scantron office will stay open late; President Berry stated he plans to send out communication to the faculty addressing this issue.</li> </ul>						
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campus safety update: due to the shootings on Grambling's campus, senator Johnson was asked to speak to the senate on behalf of UPD; Dr. Johnson highlighted the safety of ULM and that the Grambling events are not connected to ULM in any form; he shared that the campus police met with all 9 of the UL system police departments in addition to the Louisiana State police fusion center yesterday, 10/20; he described that the fusion center is an intelligence gathering meeting amongst state police that looks at data shared by federal, state and local authorities about what bad guys are doing and where they are at; they are the clearing house to any criminal intent or intelligence related to crimes in our local area; unlike Grambling, ULM campus does not allow unsanctioned events to occur; senator Walker asked what policies and procedures ULM has in place to make sure there are not any non-students living or staying overnight in our dorms; Dr. Johnson shared that there is an after-hours officer that roams the dorms, there are set visiting hours established for the dorms, the officers in conjunction with the RAs are good at monitoring visitations by non-ULM individuals and individuals are arrested by the ULM police once a second infraction occurs; he explained that the ULM police are not a security force/guard but are 100% fully commissioned state police officers with the ability to practice fully and make arrests; senator McDaniel requested that the UPD active shooter training be put on the faculty University week schedule at least annually, which will hinge on the AIC position being filled; senator Lacey asked if this needs to be a formal request from the senate body and Dr. McDaniel agreed that it should; it was decided that the faculty welfare committee would be the best entity to draft the letter; senator Lacey asked who will be chairing the faculty welfare committee and Dr. McDaniel requested that senator Wiggins accept the role, in which Dr. Wiggins agreed to chair the subcommittee but requested additional information on the responsibilities of the committee and how to</li> </ol>						

	<p>get started; Dr. McDaniel asked that the faculty welfare committee meet within the next two weeks to draft a letter about incorporating active shooter training into University Week for submission to Dr. Fellows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Budget proposals: senator Lacey proposed that ~\$250 of the faculty senate budget be used to sponsor a breakfast for the Women’s Take Flight seminar on 11/21/21 covering grant writing; she explained that this is a series of seminars open to all faculty supported by a Board of Regents grant that was submitted by Drs. Hersey, Lacey, McDaniel, Patrick and Christine Berry; senator Starks motioned to approve sponsoring the breakfast on 11/12, senator Showers seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a majority vote; Dr. McDaniel brought forward senator Walkers’ idea that monies from the senate budget could be used to acquire name tags for senators indicating they are on the faculty senate; discussion ensued and included addressing questions related to when the name tag would be worn and that they would be a recurring cost as senators rotated off/on the committee, Dr. McDaniel asked if a faculty senate lapel pin would be a viable option to the senate body; Dr. McDaniel mentioned she will be meeting with Lashonda Reese next week about the senate budget to discuss procedures/policies of spending the money; therefore, the name tag/lapel pin discussion was tabled but senators may be asked to vote on it through electronic means in the next few weeks. Dr. McDaniel mentioned that suggestions about utilization of the budget money is still open for consideration. Dr. McDaniel requested that the senators think about other activities the FS could sponsor with the budget that would improve faculty welfare issues or provide training to senators; the faculty welfare committee was tasked with polling the faculty body for their interest in having the senate sponsor activities and which activities would be most beneficial to sponsor. The faculty communications subcommittee could be utilized to send out surveys to the faculty to obtain this information as well.</li> <li>3. Phased retirement: the nursing program has brought forward that they will have a lot of retirements soon and requested whether ULM could look into phased retirements; Dr. McDaniel and Walker have discussed this issue with President Berry, which was met with positive feedback; examples of how this is implemented on other campuses was discussed, one example being that individuals move to half time &amp; half pay for two years and then quarter time and pay while still receiving benefits; the senate determined that this would fall under the purview of the faculty welfare committee and that committee was given approval to start looking into the issue; senator Anderson mentioned that the senate could begin the process by looking into how metritis status is awarded.</li> <li>4. Meeting format suggestion: during the last senate executive meeting with the Deans, the Deans suggested that part of the FS meetings be open to all faculty and administrators while still maintaining executive sessions where only faculty senators participate; the senate discussed this suggestion by the Deans and after much deliberation determined that there are procedures currently in place describing how administrators/faculty can request visitation to FS meetings and the senate constitution would need to be changed to allow unrestricted visitation to the meetings by administrators and the faculty body; Dr. McDaniel felt that having representation on the executive council would be beneficial to the senate; Dr. McDaniel requested approval to invite President Berry to the Jan. FS meeting to review the state of affairs of the University and the committee felt this would be appropriate.</li> <li>5. Faculty welfare subcommittee duties: not discussed</li> </ol>
Committee Updates	1. Not discussed
Campus	1. VPAA search – Dean Simpson was invited to give an update of the search to the FS

Updates/ Executive Committee Report	<p>committee during this meeting but he was unavailable; senator Lacey requested to re-invite him to discuss the VPAA search; Dr. McDaniel asked if the next senate meeting in Dec. would be acceptable or should he be asked to send out a letter sooner; the senate preference was to have Dean Simpson attend the next meeting.</p> <p>2. Faculty Handbook: President Berry shared that the Deans finished a draft of the faculty handbook back in Aug. and requested that the draft be sent to Dr. McDaniel via Dean Pratte. Dr. McDaniel has not received a copy of the handbook and will contact Dean Pratte to determine the status of the handbook and request a copy. Once she receives the copy she will share it with the senate immediately.</p> <p>3. Faculty Senate Budget: see item #2 under the new business section above</p>
Meeting Adjourned	1410
Submitted By	Hilary Tice
Convener	Janelle McDaniel