

**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2011**  
**Rm 2-105, Admin. ULM Campus**  
**12:35-2:20 p.m.**

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**Senators Present:** President Hill, Past-President Walker, President-Elect Rhorer, Senator Anderson, Senator Arrant, Senator Bontty, Senator Casey, Senator Cummings-Strunk, Senator Eisenstadt, Senator Feldhaus, Senator Grinnell, Senator Hutto, Senator Reid, Senator Steckline, Senator Sylvester.

**Senators Absent:** Senator Andrews\*, Senator Lowe\*, Senator Owens\*

**Handouts circulated (electronically in advance, and as handouts at meeting):** Minutes of FS November 18, 2010 meeting; Agenda for FS January 20, 2011 meeting, and after the fact of the meeting: Document to be referred to as “The President’s Awards for Excellence” sent electronically by President Hill.

President Hill **called the meeting to order**, at 12:38 p.m. which is when we reached a quorum.

Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the FS November 18, 2010** meeting were **accepted** with corrections of the spelling of Senator names, inclusion and exclusion of Senator names from roll and attendance, naming accuracies to the presenter of the “Lamar Initiative” in the EB report, and pluralization of “university.” An insert of the dates April 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, was made to b.ii of the 11/18/2010 minutes, correction to the form of word “restrict” in d.ii of the minutes, and the fiscal affairs committee presentation note of i.i. was changed to read “Discussion about the LSU Faculty Senate abbreviated slide show (adapted from Bob Keaton, powerpoint [www.lsu.edu/senate](http://www.lsu.edu/senate)) presentation about fiscal affairs and Louisiana current budget process, current budget proposals and fiscal issues. Emphasized why higher education and health care are cut so heavily.” (Steckline/Reid).

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Executive Committee:** 1) reported semester schedule to meet with President, Deans and Provost, 12:30-2:00 Thursday, Feb. 3, Mar. 10, and April 14, 2011; 2) Matthew Matusiak resigned from ULM (and thus from Faculty Senate) to take a position in Arkansas, though is doing some online teaching for ULM this semester. New FS Secretary for completion of this term is secretary-elect C. Turner Steckline, necessitating an “at-large” member to the Executive Committee for spring 2011. Senator Joseph Feldhaus volunteered. 3) Leonard Clark was appointed Department Head thus creating a need for a senator from Education and Human Development to finish his term. 4) President Hill and President-Elect Rhorer met informally with President Bruno last week to give him an idea of the ground the FS has already covered and to see where we need to go from here, which led to a request for a faculty survey, asap. 5)

The University Planning Commission subcommittee's output reports seem difficult to locate, and call was issued for senators to ask the chairs of these subcommittees to submit final reports to President Bruno, though in his address to the FS he indicated that these reports from the program self-review, faculty productivity and performance, administrative productivity and performance, student success, curriculum review, and revenue generation had been located.

- B.** Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) updated FS on progress of tenure and program elimination documents created by the BOR. **1)** The FAC got copies of recommended changes to the three policies from Drs. Moffett and O'Hara before the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. (They had incorporated many of the changes UL system senates had given them on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.) **2)** The policies were introduced at the **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** meeting and must lay over for 30 days before they are voted on. **3)** FAC met with them immediately after the **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** meeting to discuss some new items they had added to the policies. (In particular, these had to do with shortened notices to faculty who might have to be let go if state funds coming to a university were cut by 15% for the year or 7.5% if the budget cut came at mid-year.) Dr. Moffett asked FAC to go back to their respective universities and ask for input on the changes. Suggestions from the 8 universities were gathered, put into document form, and sent to Dr. O'Hara on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. We were adamant that a guarantee of tenure (from the Board policy of 1993) should be re-established in the policy. (In other words, those tenured before the new policies would go into effect would retain their tenure.) **4)** The Board met on **January 7<sup>th</sup>** in a very short meeting to welcome 2 new members: Jimmy Faircloth and John O. LaTard. The policies were not discussed at the **January 7<sup>th</sup>** meeting. **5)** The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Dr. Moffett has said he will arrange for a meeting with FAC to discuss our suggestions before this meeting. We are now awaiting an invitation to meet with him and Dr. O'Hara. **6)** Other news: Kevin Cope from LSU arranged for a Shared Governance Summit which was held on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** in Alexandria at LSUA. Members from all higher education systems (LSU, Southern, UNO, and the UL System) were represented. The second meeting of the group is scheduled for **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at LSUA. Members of Staff Senates from around the state will join the group for this meeting.
- C.** Academic Standards report was delayed to next meeting due to late arrival of chair of committee, and President Bruno's address to the Senate.
- D.** Constitution and By-Laws had no report due to absence of committee chair.
- E.** Elections report was on process and progress of determining eligible to vote faculty at ULM, and intention to make nomination and voting take place on-line.
- F.** Faculty Welfare had no report.
- G.** Faculty Handbook had no report.
- H.** Fiscal Affairs had invited Dave Nicholas to speak but he did not attend, thus Senator Anderson began a report on the different levels of cuts university administrators had been asked to generate, and was noting the oil baselining in the State Budget which basically notes that when the cost of a barrel of oil goes up, so does the amount of state revenue, when ULM President Bruno arrived at 1:15. The segue, from Senator Anderson to President Bruno noted that though there have been reports in the media of cuts to higher education being reduced from 32% to 10%, there has been no official word to any of the universities about alterations in budget status since the request for the "32% cut budget exercise". There has also been no clarification of whether the 10% cut is 10% of the total university budget or 10% of state allocations to the university.

**Invited Guest, ULM President Dr. Nick Bruno:**

Dr. Bruno came to the latter half of the Faculty Senate meeting and spoke to those budget questions as well as issues relating to promotion and improvement of the university. He expressed desire for thinking and input from everyone regarding particular defining characteristics and data collection, focused on better promotion of ULM. He also asked the Faculty Senate to administer a faculty survey so that he can have a benchmark by which to measure his performance. Given that the Faculty Senate has done so in the past, we readily agreed. President Bruno left the meeting at 2:15.

**Unfinished and New Business** (Academic Standards report) was deferred until the next faculty senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:** Thursday, February 17, 12:30-2:00, 2011 in Admin. 2-105.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Turner Steckline, Faculty Senate Secretary

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