

ULM Faculty Senate Minutes
14 October 2010, 12:30 PM, Admin 2-91

I. Call to order and roll call

- A. Present – President Hill, Past-President Walker, President-Elect Rhorer, Senator Anderson, Senator Andrews, Senator Bontty, Senator Casey, Senator Cummings-Strunk, Senator Eisenstadt, Senator Feldhaus, Senator Grinnell, Senator Hutto, Senator Lowe, Senator Matusiak, Senator Owens, Senator Reid, Senator Steckline, Senator Sylvester
 - i. Quorum present
- B. Absent – Senator Clark *, Senator Grinnell, Senator Walker*
(* indicates excused absence)

II. Approval of 16 September 2010 minutes (Steckline/Eisenstadt) – minutes approved

III. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Board met 10/07/2010
 - i. Some of the issues that have caused late payments from “accounts payable” have been indentified (e.g. Banner implementation). Additionally, retirement payment to state still going out too late.
 - ii. Process for hiring adjuncts for online courses has been and is still being refined
 - iii. “Pre-midyear cuts” were outlined. They occurred because of underestimated revenues last year and were absorbed within plans for mid-year cuts
 - iv. \$14.5 million “budget exercise” required by the Governor’s Office just gave numbers of job cuts, not specific positions/programs and did not account for reserves that could cover some of the amount of cut.
 - v. President’s cabinet meeting on 9/22/10 – discussed enrollment numbers; undergraduate down about 300 students, graduate enrollment up about 100 students; online classes issues, workload, adjunct hiring, quality concerning academic compliance discussed

Presidential Search Committee – Motion to go into executive (Rhorer/Feldhaus). Motion to end executive session (Rhorer/Feldhaus).

- B. Faculty Advisory Council
 - 1. 09/23/2010 met with UL System to discuss changes to policies and procedures. Dr. Moffitt assured FAC members that policy and procedure changes will not appear on the agenda without notification.
- C. Academic Standards – No report.

D. Constitution and By-laws –

1. Announcement for the amendment to the by laws – 2 amendments proposed (vote to be taken on 11/18/2010)
 - i. Article 2, section 2 – allows the immediate Past-President to remain as an at-large member of the Faculty Senate to complete their one-year term on the Executive Board as Past-President, whether or not they are re-elected to the Senate.
 - ii. Article 7, section 1 – election dates – changes the election of faculty senate members from April to March to allow Fall course schedule changes for newly elected senators.

E. Elections – No report

F. Faculty Welfare –

1. Met to discuss faculty survey. Decided to postpone survey until new ULM President is seated and wait to see movement on budget. Possible inclusion of evaluations on Deans and Department Heads as part of survey process
2. Faculty Handbook - No report
3. Senator Steckline – discussed the need for clarification on the ULM travel policies. Some discrepancies exist between the ULM’s procedure/practice and implementation of reimbursement.
4. ORP – No report

G. Fiscal Affairs – No report

IV. Unfinished business

Rhorer (Steckline/Arrant) – Modify motion from September to reflect updated FAC discussions with UL System. Revision passed unanimously.

REVISED MOTION: Motion to allow the Faculty Advisory Council to offer furlough for faculty to prevent layoff (e.g. imminent loss of employment) if the language of program reduction ~~(adopted by the System Board in 12/2009)~~ is removed from the Systems policies and procedures, a sunset timeline of 1 year is used, a sliding scale for the furloughs is used, and the institution is in a position of immediate financial exigency. (delete strike through from original motion)

V. New Business

A. Other

- i. Senators need to give input to their committee chairs when asked and get input from their constituencies. Discussion held about committee chairs not hearing from Senators when comments and feedback are needed for proposals and Faculty Senate business.

VI. Adjournment (Lowe/Reid) 1:33pm

SCHEDULED FALL MEETINGS:

Thursday, November 18, 12:30 -2:00

There is the potential for called meetings. Called meetings are generally held during the same time slot.