

**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2015**  
**Walker 1-111, ULM Campus**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded
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**Senators Present:** Jeffrey Anderson, John Anderson, Craighead, Dagley, Eisenstadt, Frye, Giles, Gissendanner, Hare, A. Hill, R. Hill, Kaleem, Lovett, Niemla, Stockley, Vangelisti, White, Wiedemeier

**Senators Absent:** Lasiter\*, Michael\*, Nazzal\*

Faculty Senate President Stockley **called the meeting to order** at 12:31 p.m.

Faculty Senate Secretary Gissendanner **called the roll**.

**Approval of minutes:** A minor edit was added to the 3/26/15 minutes and the minutes were approved (A. Hill/R. Hill).

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. Executive Committee Meeting (4/22) Report:**

- The situation with library deselection was discussed. There deselection deadline is firm. A part of the architectural plans for the library include large classrooms. It is hoped that most face-to-face classes in the summer will be taught in the library. There will also be more study rooms. Books in the library can be brought to individual departments. Physical Plant may charge for the moving process and the library will not have any management of the books. No justifications for keeping books have been denied except for cases where the book condition has deteriorated.
- VPAA Dr. Pani approved the part-time faculty office hour policy submitted by the Faculty Senate.
- Regarding the budget, the administration does not have information that is any different than what is being reported. Exigency plans are in place for LSU and UL System. There will be an across the board cut.
- Faculty Workload policy has been given to the Deans for review.

**B. Academic Standards:** No report

#### **C. Ad Hoc Handbook Committee**

- Administration currently reviewing revised handbook.

#### **D. Ad Hoc Library Committee**

- Report provided by EC is the same as library committee. It was mentioned that electronic deletion could be an issue with meeting deselection deadline

#### **E. Constitution and By-Laws: No Report**

#### **F. Elections Committee**

- An elections report has been posted to Moodle
- There was discussion regarding clarifying at-large and physical seats

#### **G. Faculty Welfare: No report**

#### **H. Fiscal Affairs: No report**

#### **Unfinished Business**

- State fiscal situation: inventory taxes are being considered. No news can be considered good news at this point. The legislature is trying to craft items that will pass both bodies and not be vetoed.

#### **New Business**

- Sen. Anna Hill was given a plaque in recognition of her service to the Faculty Senate
- Proposed Humanities course: Sen Jeff Anderson summarize to the Senate the situation with the new Humanities course recently approved by the University Curriculum Committee. The course will replace a sophomore literature course and will involve multiple instructors and graduate students. There will be several sections of the course each with over 100 students. There are potential problems with the high number of faculty and students involved. Also, the high number of presentations and papers that will be produced by students. The writing will be an issue—can you really teach critical thinking with a large class? The research suggests otherwise. The literature course assessment for SACS would be transferred to this course. There will be no extra stipend for instructors. It is not clear how instructors will be selected—the impression is that instructors will be chosen. Will literature courses from other schools transfer?
- A request was made to the Faculty Senate asking the University to halt development of the course for further study to understand the potential ramifications. This course format could be replicated for other disciplines.
- Pres. Stockley then requested that an ad hoc committee to generate this statement. Members of the committee include Sen. Jeff Anderson (Chair), Sen. Giles, Sen. Dagley, Sen. Frye. The formation of this committee was approved (A. Hill/John Anderson).

Meeting adjourned 1:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris R. Gissendanner, Faculty Senate Secretary