



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
10am, 22 January 2024
135F Thomas Boyd Hall

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Present : Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Parampreet Singh (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Michelle Osborn (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:03 am on Jan 22, 2024 at the 135F Thomas Boyd Hall at the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted following a motion by Kazuschyk.

President's updates: (i) Bazayev, Tirone and Singh met with LSU President Tate on Jan 9th regarding renaming of the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to the Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX. This was an almost 2 hour meeting in which various issues concerning the above change were discussed; (ii) Bazayev and Tirone met with Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy on Jan 22 to discuss revisions to PS-104 and PS-36NT to overcome AAUP double censures. Bazayev will continue these discussions with President Tate in a meeting on Feb 2.

Ringelman moved to suspend the rules and consider meeting with Graduate Student Association President Lyric Mandell as the next item of business. Passed unanimously. The committee then discussed concerns coming from a large number of faculty regarding student absences in classrooms. A survey is being planned by the student government to help identify underlying reasons.

The committee then discussed the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on Jan 24 as the first item of unfinished business. Associate Vice President for Campus Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response Michael Antoine is unable to attend the meeting. President Tate will join Vice President of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX Todd Manuel to discuss renaming of the Division of Inclusion, Civil Rights & Title IX to the Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX. Ringelman moved to approve the amended agenda which includes (i) Presentation on Faculty Technology Survey by Vice Provost Jackie Bach, Chair of ad hoc FS IT Committee Param Singh and CIO Craig Woolley; (ii) Quality Enhancement Plan for SACSCOS reaccreditation by CxC Faculty Chair Jennifer Baumgartner; and (iii) Presentation on Engagement by President Tate and Vice President of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX Todd Manuel. Motion to approve amended agenda passed unanimously.

The next item of the unfinished business was ASH proposals. Ringelman moved to approve the CCELL proposal to create a Community Impact Achievement to recognize accomplishments of under-grads and graduate students. Passed unanimously. The second proposal was revisions to English Language Placement and Assessment process for international graduate students. Committee members discussed whether there can be a metric to help in the assessment process. Tirone moved to refer the proposal back to the ASH committee with comments discussed by the committee. Passed unanimously. The third proposal was modifications to the remote participation policy for defense of graduate students. Ringelman moved to postpone the discussion to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed the Faculty Technology Survey. Singh mentioned that the survey is in final form after feedback from ad hoc FSIT committee and EdTech subcommittee of ITGC. Cobb and Singh had discussions with Vice Provost Jackie Bach and Chief Information Officer Craig Wolley on incentives for the survey.

The first item of the new business was Enrollment Management. Ringelman discussed LSU Pre-Scholars academy and LSU Pathways model and the courses offered for various incoming students to enhance retention. Bazayev will discuss these programs with Enrollment Management to gain more insights on their functioning.

Tirone moved to suspend the rules and consider the remaining agenda in the following order: (i) November 29 Reception Invoice; (ii) Grammarly; (iii) March FS Meeting Location; (iv) Messaging from Office of Communications. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed invoice for reception at the Faculty Senate meeting on Nov 29. Cobb reported that expenses were \$1339. Ringelman moved to approve the invoice. Passed unanimously.

The next item of business was Grammarly. Singh reported that Chief Information Officer Craig Woolley has requested inputs on purchase of enterprise license of Grammarly for faculty, staff and students. Committee members expressed that the matter needs more information, further deliberation and inputs from ad hoc FSIT committee. Tirone moved to request ITS to hold off purchase of these licenses till FSEC has more time to solicit faculty input. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed the venue of the March Faculty Senate meeting. Due to improvements at the Dalton Woods Auditorium, McKernan auditorium at the Law Center was discussed as an alternative venue. Ringelman moved that March Faculty Senate Meeting be hosted in the McKernan auditorium and to authorize all associated expenses. Passed unanimously.

The last item of agenda was Messaging from Office of Communication regarding delayed start to classes on Jan 17th due to inclement weather. Singh read an email message from Provost Roy Haggerty on the complexity of the underlying decision. Committee members noted that the decision was difficult given that schools were closed and government offices opened only in afternoon. Committee also discussed possibility of offering classes via Zoom in such circumstances.

Ringelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 am. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary