

**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2009**  
**Rm 2-91, Ad.Min. ULM Campus**  
**12:32-2:00 p.m.**

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- Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded

**Senators Present:** Bontty, Campbell, Dupre, Feldhaus, Hare, Hill, Hutto, Jois, Kervin, Lowe, Matusiak, Nicholson, Owens, Reid, Rhorer, Steckline, Walker, Wilson

**Senators Absent:** Chandler\*, Grinnell\*, Parker\*, Taylor\*

**Handouts available:** Agenda, Minutes of the February 12, 2009 FS Meeting and Minutes of the Called FS Meeting of March 10, 2009, Changes to the ULM Faculty Handbook pages 54-61 pertaining to Grants and Contracts, as updated by Rene Hearn, Changes to ULM Faculty Handbook, Items 5.4 and 5.4.1 pertaining to Faculty Evaluation and Faculty Development Remediation Program statements.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, at 12:32 p.m.

Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.

**University President, James Cofer addressed the Senate**, reporting on the Proposed Budget (Cuts) for the UL System Schools, and the upcoming SACS visit. The discussion of budget cuts included figures on current operating budget, where what monies are allocated, mandated, and not covered, the various scenarios in cuts that involve worst and better case potentials; a description of the various groups examining and responding to the kind and quality of “creative thinking” that will be required to essentially reorganize to accommodate cuts. Questions were asked about revenue generation through tuition increases, about collectively launched responses to the Legislature potentials, and about collaborative possibilities with institutions closest in location to ULM. The fluidity of the situation was noted, as was the number of different people, groups, working to strategize. A sense of the calendar of significant upcoming events related to budget decisions, was provided as were the days and schedule of SACS Team visits to campus. The Senate thanked President Cofer for his report, and expressed appreciation for his timely remarks as he left to be present for a conference call.

The **Minutes of the February 12, 2009** meeting were **accepted** with minor changes of “low” to “law” and a March 9, date to March 10. (Walker/Reid).

The **Minutes of the March 10, 2009** Called Meeting of the Faculty Senate were **accepted** with addition of note observing that all resolutions of the FS are posted on the FS website under **Resolutions**. (Reid/Matusiak).

**Committee Reports:**

- A. The Executive Board will be meeting with the Deans and Provost March 24, 2009.
- B. Joseph Feldhaus indicated that the **Elections Committee** will send ballots to the Colleges of Pharmacy and the Library, as other positions in other colleges remain filled to full count after nominations were solicited. We can expect the results of these elections to be announced in our April meeting.
- C. **Faculty Welfare** noted the scheduled reception at President Cofer’s home, Bonne Aire for Faculty Friends this evening (March 19, 2009) from 7-9 p.m. The Handbook changes submitted by the Handbook sub-committee regarding 5.4, Faculty Evaluation and 5.4.1 Faculty Development

Remediation Program were unanimously approved. (Wilson/Bontty). The Grants and Contracts sections, reworked by Rene Hearn, were tabled (Steckline/Hill).

**New Business:**

- A. The FS unanimously decided to change the focus of the scheduled **Faculty Senate Forum on March 31, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Stubbs 100**, from EEOC and ULM needs, to Budget Issues (Hill/Walker). The primary goal includes the formation of a group of ULM community members prone to “thinking outside the box,” to find alternative solutions to current budgetary cuts. The Provost would frame the circumstances and support the work of this additional group in generating a report prior to the Spring Break.
- B. The next Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2009 in Baton Rouge. The FS authorized President Rhorer to sign anything the UL System Faculty Senates may generate as all strategize response to budget cuts (Walker/Wilson).

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. (Wilson/Walker)

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:** Thursday, April 23, 2009, 12:30 p.m. Ad. Min. 2-91.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Turner Steckline, Faculty Senate Secretary

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