

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2008
Rm 2-87, Ad.Min. ULM Campus
12:30-2:00 p.m.

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- Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded

Senators Present: M. Bontty, Y. Dupre, J. Feldhaus, A. Case Hanks, D. Hare, A. Hill, C. Hutto, S. Jois, K. Kervin, M. Lowe, M. Matusiak, S. Owens, J. Palmer, M. Parker, L. Reid, D. Rhorer, C. Steckline, J. Taylor, B. Walker.

Senators Absent: D. Chandler*, C. Johnson, L. Nicholson*, H. Wilson*.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, welcomed all, and directed attention to **the packet** distributed and the handouts located there {Agenda for today's meeting, Minutes from April 24, 2008 FS Meeting, Summer 2008 FS Update, Time Line for Preparing a Plan for Governance at ULM-ULM Community Governance Committee, Items from 2008-2013 Strategic Plan, contact sheet for 2008-2009 ULM Faculty Senators by College, FS Committee Assignments, First Year Faculty Friend Program, and hard copy of FS Constitution}.

Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the April 24, 2008** meeting were **accepted**. (Reid/Dupre).

Committee Reports: Of existing ten FS Committees (listed on Agenda for benefit of new Senators and those perusing the Agenda), two reports were given: one from the Executive Board, and the other from the ULM Community Governance Committee formed as a sub-committee of the Faculty Welfare Committee in July 2008.

By referencing the Summer 2008 FS Update, and the ULM Community Governance Committee's time line, the full Senate was apprised of President Cofer's request that the FS construct and propose a ULM Governance Model, and they were updated on the Sick Leave Bill, Science Bill, FS work of the summer, and given the background on the items taken up as New Business.

Unfinished Business: A request was made that Senators seeking excused absences should direct that request directly to Secretary Steckline, or be sure to cc a copy to Secretary Steckline when President Rhorer is notified. President Rhorer was charged with speaking informally to Dr. Richters regarding alternatives to our having to go into executive sessions during a faculty senate meeting, and to continue talks on establishing a permanent senate office.

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New Business:

A. Senate discussed the Provost's request that the Senate work on six items from the University Strategic Plan. His request specified p. 10, objective 1:2; p. 11, Objective 1.4; p. 12, Objective 3.1; p. 13, Objective 3.2; p. 13, Objective 3.4; and p. 14, Objective 3.7. The Senate **voted** (16 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention). to take under consideration the following three objectives as the University strategizes the "hows" of implementation (Walker/Lowe):

Objective 1.2: Increase the number of nationally-recognized intellectual contributions 50% by 2013. (Assigned to a special FS Task Force).

Objective 1.4: Increase attendance at professional development meetings 25% by 2013. (Assigned to FS Academic Standards Committee)

Objective 3.2: Increase retention in high-demand or targeted-growth areas 20% by 2013. (Assigned to FS Academic Affairs, with additional volunteers from other committees)

B. Senate **voted** (unanimously) to delay the annual Faculty Career and Personal Satisfaction Survey until 2010 due to SACS reaffirmation and New Strategic Plan implementation demands on the University community. (Walker/Steckline).

C. President Rhorer was charged with inviting Lon Smith to the next faculty senate meeting to clarify University Curriculum Committee Structure request as effects graduate and professional programs.

D. Faculty Advisory Council issued an update on Leave Policies for Academic & Unclassified Employees & Classified Personnel, which was in the Senate Packet. Additional documents (copies of HB 1325-Personal Leave for College Personnel, and the "Science Bill" passed by the State Senate are available from steckline@ulm.edu).

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: September 18, 2008 12:30-2:00, in Admin. 2-52, unless notified of a change of venue. [**(Venue changed on 8/25/08 to Admin. 2-91)**]

Respectfully submitted,

C. Turner Steckline,
Faculty Senate Secretary

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