

**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2012**  
**Rm 205, Stubbs, ULM Campus**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

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- Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded

**Senators Present:** Anderson, Caldwell, Carpenter, Chenoweth, Eisenstadt, Giles, Hill, Niemla, Pope, Sampognaro, Stockley, Strunk, Sylvester, Tommerdahl, Walker, Wiggins, Wilson

**Senators Absent:** \*Bray, \*Frye, \*Lasiter, \*Owens, \*Sutton

**Guest:** None

**Handouts circulated:** Electronically circulated documents included the Draft of Minutes of FS September 13, 2012 meeting, Agenda for FS October 18 meeting, Fall 2012 ULM Graduate Enrollment, Academic Standards Committee Report on Registrar, and Registrar Integration document.

President Sylvester **called the meeting to order**, at 12:35 p.m.

Secretary Sampognaro **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the FS September 13, 2012** meeting were **accepted** with minor corrections.  
(Eisenstadt/Wilson)

**Agenda Items:**

- President Sylvester provided an Executive Committee Report from the Executive Council meeting held on October 16, 2012.
  - The search committees for the Dean of the Graduate School/Director of OSPR and the Dean for Arts and Sciences are being formed. Dean Berry will chair the Arts and Sciences search committee and Sean Chenoweth will be the FS representative on the committee. Dean Blaylock will chair the Graduate School search committee, and Karen Frye will be the FS representative on this committee.
  - Currently the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is understaffed with Ivona Jukic leaving. Dr. Pani is working on getting the appropriate authority transferred back to him for grant submissions.
  - The Student Research Symposium has been moved to February to allow the winners to participate in the State competition in March. Participation in ULM's Student Symposium has greatly decreased over the last 5 years. A possible explanation for part of this decline is the fact that the Howard Hughes Program no longer exists, and when in existence, the students involved in this were required to present at the Symposium. The importance of this Symposium was questioned, and Dr. Pani acknowledged that this is a very important event. Dean Berry stated that increasing student research and participation in the Symposium is now part of the College of Business' strategic plan. Dr. Pani asked President Sylvester to provide him with the numbers of students that participated in the past several

years. Faculty workload issues were raised as a possibility for the decline in student research presentations. Dr. Pani replied that he is working on faculty workload issues.

- Fall enrollment for graduate students is down 169 students. Dr. Pani provided a report regarding enrollment for each College over the past three years. The decrease is not as bad as it sounds. In summary, there was a slight increase in the total number of degree seeking students and an increase in average SCH from 6.53 to 7.74. It was agreed that the FS should help promote graduate education.
- A question was raised concerning funds to charter the football team for the Middle Tennessee game. Dr. Pani stated that the funds did not come from the general fund, and he thought a booster paid for the plane.
- Advising was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting. The average advising load per faculty member continues to increase. Dr. Pani feels that advising is very important for retention and that each advising session should last approximately 30 minutes. Some faculty members are currently assigned around 100 students which makes these 30 minute sessions a daunting task. Again, faculty workload was alluded to, and Dr. Pani said he was working on it.
- President Sylvester charged the Fiscal Affairs Committee with determining the best way to organize a state-wide lobbying campaign to raise awareness concerning the formula disparity that affects both ULM and ULL.
- The Academic Standards Committee provided a report of their Registrar's Office task force meeting including issues of concern as well as recommendations. The dominant issues identified were:
  - The delay in transcript evaluation for transfer, returning, and international students
  - Lack of customer service attitude in the Registrar's Office
  - Coding issues in Banner
  - Billing and Financial Aid issuesThis task force will meet with Dr. Pani in the next few weeks to discuss this report.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee met and is moving forward on the faculty survey.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

- The Executive Committee was asked to raise the issue of how classes are being eliminated without consultation of the affected faculty at the next meeting.

The next FS meeting will take place on November 15, 2012 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurel Sampognaro, Faculty Senate Secretary

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