Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2009
Rm 2-91, Ad.Min. ULM Campus
12:35-2:05 p.m.

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Senators Present: Chandler, Campbell, Dupre, Feldhaus, Grinnell, Hare, Hill, Hutto, Matusiak, Nichelson, Owens, Parker, Reid, Rhorer, Steckline, Taylor, Walker

Senators Absent: Bontty*, Jois*, Kevin*, Lowe*, Wilson*

Handouts available: Agenda, Minutes of the January 15, 2009 FS Meeting & Minutes of Called January 29, 2009 FS Meeting, draft of FAC resolution on the new formula proposal for funding institutions of higher education in the state of Lousiana, draft of FS resolution in support of the ULM Faculty, Professional Staff, and the Administration During the Current Economic Climate.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, at 12:35 p.m.
Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.
The **Minutes of the Janurary 15, 2009** meeting were **accepted** with no corrections. (Reid/Parker).
The **Minutes of the Called January 29, 2009** FS meeting **were approved with corrections** that moved a Senator marked as absent to present, and dropped a number that wasn't stated during the called meeting. (Walker/Chandler).

Two new Senators were present for their first regularly scheduled meeting of the FS, **Claudia Grinnell (A&S) & Wilson Campbell (EDHD).** [WELCOME].

Committee Reports:

A. President Rhorer reported on the **Faculty Advisory Council** meeting in Baton Rouge which she attended on **January 23, 2009**. She shared a draft of a resolution the FAC is considering regarding the new formula proposal for funding institutions of higher education in the state of Louisiana, noting that the resolution is prompted by lack of information: lack of Louisiana based figures with regard to initial date used which came from Texas, and other problematic (lack of) analyses of several components of the new formula proposal for funding. Since ALL is in a state of flux the FAC is sitting on the resolution for the time being.
B. David Hare reported on **Honors Council** decision to require a score of 4 on Advanced Placement (AP) tests, for a maximum of 2 classes, or 6/7 hours that can be awarded to a student seeking credit for AP tests.
C. Joseph Feldhaus indicated that the **Elections Committee** needed representation from EDHD, CBA, and HS. The following Senators will represent their respective colleges on the Elections Committee which is about to kick into high gear for upcoming elections: C. Hutto (EDHD), J. Taylor (CBA), K. Kervin (HS), S. Owens (A&S), J. Feldhaus (PHARM), and M. Lowe (Library).
D. **Faculty Welfare** is gearing up for Handbook corrections for March revision deadline.
E. There was no report from **Faculty Friends** as Senator Wilson was not present.
F. President Rhorer apprised the FS of the continuing dialogue with **Shared Governance**, describing a meeting called by Provost Richters and attended by the Provost, Paxton Oliver—Chair of the Shared Governance Committee, and FS President Rhorer, and the agreements reached at that meeting.

New Business:

A. Senators reported by College representation what polled faculty had indicated with regard to Provost Richter's Plan which has been proposed in Faculty Chats, in the Called Meeting of January 29, 2009, and which will continue in it's articulation as all involved supply input and ideas. While there were some no's, and many uncertainties or specific caveats expressed, the plan, in spirit, is supported by a significant majority of faculty in all departments and colleges at ULM. **A motion to support the plan in spirit was passed unanimously**. (Walker/Owens). A draft of a resolution was scrutinized, discussed and referred to a special committee, which will meet Monday afternoon (February 9, at 2:15 in Rm 365 Ad.Min.).
B. The **FS elected to meet February 12, 2009 to finalize the resolution**, **cancelling** the regularly scheduled **meeting for February 19**, 2009.
C. We were reminded to let our Deans know of difficulties being experienced with MOODLE, what support is required, what is working and what is not working.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. (Walker/Feldhaus)

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: February 12, 2009, 12:30 p.m. Ad. Min. 2-91.

FYI: Remaining FS Meetings of Spring Semester 2009 are scheduled for March 19, and April 23—all at 12:30 in Ad. Min. 2-91.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Turner Steckline, Faculty Senate Secretary

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