

A partial list of Faculty Senate accomplishments for the 2008-2009 academic year.

This year, Faculty Senate

Constructed a Governance Model

- ULM Faculty Senate will continue as outlined in its constitution.

Established a positive working relationship with the Administration.

Continued the Faculty Friends Program (a pairing of first year faculty with Faculty Friends for informal assistance with all things unique to ULM); hosted 2 gatherings in Fall 2008 and a Reception for Faculty Friends at Bon Aire in Spring 2009.

Hosted with the Provost approximately 12 "Faculty Chats" to discuss issues relevant to faculty.

Updated Handbook (ongoing review--keep your Senators apprised of problem areas in need of attention).

Conducted 2 open meetings of faculty

- one with the Provost, President, and Dave Nicklas to discuss possible budget cuts

- another as the first Faculty Senate Forum to recruit volunteer faculty who could "think outside the box" and come up with short term solutions to budget cuts.

Then, sponsored ULM Creative Solutions Committee which offered ideas for generating money for the university in the short term.

Wrote 3 resolutions

- one supporting faculty who offer to teach an extra class

- another opposing HB 27 which would allow "guns on campus"

- and yet a third opposing budget cuts (sent to all 141 legislators, the System's administrators, and the Governor).

President represented ULM Faculty Senate at FAC (Faculty Advisory Council to the UL System) and ALFS (Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates) meetings in Baton Rouge; President Rhorer serves as Secretary of FAC.

Continues to await the roll-out of the Smoke Free Campus strategies developed by the President's Smoking Resolution Committee in response to Smoke Free Resolution by Faculty Senate.

Observed deliberations of the university budget committee which discussed possible cuts (Executive Board members).

Provided regular updates to faculty regarding on-campus issues and legislative budget considerations and developments.

Continues to observe deliberations of SRAC regarding possible budget cuts (Executive Board members).

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