

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2012
Rm 170, Student Center, ULM Campus
12:30 – 2:15 p.m.

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Senators Present: Anderson, Bray, Caldwell, Carpenter, Chenoweth, Eisenstadt, Frye, Giles, Hill, Lasiter, Niemla, Owens, Sampognaro, Stockley, Strunk, Sutton, Sylvester, Tommerdahl, Walker, Wiggins, Wilson

Senators Absent: *Pope

Guest: None

Handouts circulated: Electronically circulated documents included the Draft of Minutes of FS May 17, 2012 meeting, Agenda for FS August 23 meeting, FS Committees, FS Committee on Committee Assignments, and FS Task Force on Office of Sponsored Programs report

President Sylvester **called the meeting to order**, at 12:31 p.m.

Secretary Sampognaro **called the roll**.

President Sylvester welcomed and introduced the new Senators. A vote was conducted to approve the appointed persons to fill vacant Senate seats.

- College of Arts and Sciences: Roger Carpenter, Michael Sean Chenoweth and Turner Wilson were unanimously approved. (Eisenstadt/Owens)
- College of Health Sciences: Jessica Lasiter and Annette Tommerdahl were unanimously approved. (Walker/Stockley)
- College of Education and Human Development: **John-Nelson** Pope was unanimously approved. (Walker/Stockley)

The Department of Gerontology was recently moved from Arts and Sciences to Health Sciences. Karen Frye was ~~elected~~ appointed Senator from this department. Since Dr. Frye is now a Senator without portfolio, President Sylvester proposed that Senator Frye serve the remainder of her term (one year) as a Senator-at-Large. This proposal was unanimously approved. (Eisenstadt/Walker). It was also made clear that this Senator-at-Large position is temporary and will end when Senator Frye's term is over at the end of the current academic year.

The FS Executive Committee is normally composed of the President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary and Secretary Elect. However, because President-Elect Sylvester assumed the role of President early last year due to the resignation of President ~~Rohrer~~ Rhorer, who was promoted to an administrative position in her College, Sylvester would by default simultaneously hold both Past-President and President positions this year. In order to infuse the Executive Committee with additional

council and valuable experience, President Sylvester appointed Ex-Faculty Senate President, Robert Eisenstadt, to serve as Past-President on the Executive Committee for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The **Minutes of the FS May 17, 2012** meeting were **accepted** with minor corrections. (Hill/Strunk)

Elections were held for the President Elect and Secretary elect positions. Senators Hill and Anderson were nominated for the President Elect position. **Senator Anderson was elected President-Elect, while Senator Strunk was nominated and elected Secretary-Elect.**

Agenda Items:

- President Sylvester posted the FS committee assignments for this year and committees will be charged with addressing agenda items at the **September 13th Senate meeting**. There has been a new committee assigned to fill **approximately 1/3 of the University committees supervised by the Office to Academic Affairs**. The Committee Selection committee was charged with having these committees named prior to the September 13th Faculty Senate meeting in order that the full Senate could approve these committees and forward them onto the Vice President of Academic Affairs, **Dr. Eric Pani as soon as possible.**
- President Sylvester reviewed the FS Task Force report and recommendations on the Office of Sponsored Programs.
- President Sylvester explained that the President Bruno indicated that he was very open to the concept and practice of shared governance and as a gesture in this direction, the President now invites the President of the Faculty Senate to attend Executive Budget meetings with the Deans and Vice Presidents of ULM.
- A ULM Budget meeting was scheduled with President Bruno for August 30 at 12:30 pm. Along with the FS, ULM faculty are also invited to attend this meeting.
- The Academic Affairs Talks (Chats with the Provost) have restarted and will occur on the first or second Monday afternoon of each month. Announcement of meetings will be provided prior to the each meeting. The Faculty Senate is a co-sponsor of these talks and President Sylvester will be present at each meeting to listen and address faculty concerns.
- The Faculty Handbook revision that began in March 2012 was completed over the summer, and the final version of the Handbook has been posted on the ULM website.
- Agenda items for the FS have been requested from each college. The College of Arts and Sciences **had already submitted their list**. Senator Walker noted that he would be submitting one from the College of Business. All other items should be sent to President Sylvester. FS committees will be charged with addressing these agenda items.
- **Senator Niemla voiced concern regarding Chick-fil-A's presence on the ULM campus.**

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There was no Old Business.

New Business:

- Senator Niemla voiced concern about the change in faculty parking that she has heard from many of her colleagues.
- Conducting a follow-up faculty survey was discussed. Senator Walker made a motion that the FS move forward with this survey, and the FS approved the motion. (Walker/Niemla)

- Senator Giles noted that the faculty have not been informed of the new Social Media Policy that is posted on the ULM website. This policy was brought before the FS who approved it last semester. It was recommended that the general faculty be notified of this policy.

The next FS meeting will take place on September 13, 2012 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Sampognaro, Faculty Senate Secretary

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