

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2015
Hemphill 124, ULM Campus
12:30 – 1:53 p.m.

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| * indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded |
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Senators Present: Jeffrey Anderson, Debra Craighead, Robert Eisenstadt, Edward Eller, Karen Frye, Christopher Gissendanner, David Hare, Cecil Hutto, Faisal Kaleem, Kioh Kim, Matt Lovett, Heather Pilcher, John-Nelson Pope, Savannah Posey, Joshua Stockley, Claire Vangelisti, Paul Wiedemeier

Senators Absent: * Emad El-Giar, * Jessica Lasiter, *Sami Nazzal

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll Call
- III. Regular business was suspended as we had 3 guests: Barbara Michaelides, Brett Bennett, and Sheau Yun Choo
- IV. Approval of 9/24/15 minutes and Committee Reports were tabled (Chris Gissendanner/Paul Wiedemeier)
 - A. Executive Committee Meeting summary involved sharing of Northwestern State University option for appeal (document is posted);
 - i. The recommendation was made to change language from appeal to grievance; section 7.7 of Faculty Handbook grievance language accepted (Matt Lovett/Jeffrey Anderson)
 - B. Academic Standards
 - i. Barbara and Brett described the academic advisors in Moodle courses with read only access; Barbara and Brett (Faculty Athletics Representative) met with Senators Stockley and Frye back in summer in response to an email received by President Stockley noting that Dr. Pani approved academic advisors, under the supervision of Barbara, to be included in Moodle courses with athletes. This was approved by University Counsel prior, and Barbara indicated that she was told to implement this action approved by Dr. Pani. At that meeting, President Stockley and Senator Frye were informed that there was nothing to be done; the policy was in place and implemented. In the FS meeting, Sheau Yun demonstrated what academic advisors see in the Moodle course and noted they do not have editing capability. They can look at powerpoints, see assignment directions, see when assignments were submitted, but cannot see quiz questions. Discussion arose on why FS was not consulted prior about this action and that this intrusion into courses is perceived as offensive by some faculty. Discussion then centered on if faculty could be given the chance to opt in or out for having academic advisors in their courses and if Moodle can then select only certain advisors to be in certain courses. The Academic Standards Committee of FS was charged to recommend to Dr. Pani that requests for instructors to opt in or

opt out of having non-editing instructors (academic advisors) in their classes be solicited.

- C. Constitution and By-Laws
 - i. No Report
- D. Faculty Welfare
 - i. Faculty Survey tabled, no report.
- E. Fiscal Affairs
 - i. No report
- F. Elections Committee
 - i. No report
- V. Unfinished Business- Faculty Handbook
 - A. The changes to Faculty Handbook will be put to an email vote (Robert Eisenstadt/ David Hare). In Spring the VP for Academic Affairs Fellow, Dr. Jessica Dolecheck, will be charged by Dr. Pani with modifications to the Faculty Handbook.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Senator Frye brought up that Marilyn Macintosh inquired as to what topics FS would like to see during University Week. Senator Hutto is Chair of this committee, so forward ideas to him.
 - B. Plans for November 19, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting
 - i. We will invite Dr. Pani to come and speak
 - C. Forum for Run-off Candidates for Governor
 - i. Staff Senate sent a letter to candidates to inquire whether they would come to a forum at ULM sponsored by CenturyLink. No response was given.
 - D. Faculty Workload policy (which has been around for some time) was submitted to Dr. Pani some time ago. At ExComm meeting, he shared that the Council of Deans came up with some recommendations which were different from FS Committee, and Dr. Pani asked FS to have the Faculty Workload Committee examine Council of Deans suggestions and have a Policy in place by March 2016
 - E. Budget and Mid-year cuts-At Academic Affairs talk, Dr. Pani noted mid-year cuts are likely, but there is money in the reserve to offset these projected cuts
 - F. Parking-The issuing of tickets for faculty parking on the side lines of parking spots was raised; it appears the issuing of citations is frivolous in that they are being given for situations when a tire may be slightly on the side parking line
- VII. Adjournment – 1:53 pm
(John Anderson/Paul Wiedemeier)

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Karen Frye
Faculty Senate Secretary