

Minutes  
ULM Faculty Senate  
August 25, 2016  
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm  
Hemphill Hall Room 124

<p>* indicates excused absence; Name/Name indicates Moved/Seconded</p>
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**Senators Present:** Jeffrey Anderson, Roger Carpenter, Melanie Chapman, Emad El-Giar, Karen Frye, Chris Gissendanner, Marty Holin, Cecil Hutto, Kioh Kim, Tina Mullone, Adam Pate, Heather Pilcher, Savannah Posey, Will Rogers, Vonny Thornton, Claire Vangelisti

**Senators Absent:** Sandy Bailey, David McGraw, \*Joshua Stockley, \*Paul Wiedemeier

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome
- III. Roll call
- IV. Approval of New Senators
  - A. Proposal for John Nelson Pope to be replaced by Marty Holin for a one-year term
    - a. Hutton/Gissendanner – Approved, Holin abstained
- V. Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2016
  - A. Anderson/El-Giar – Approved, Rogers and Thorton abstained
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Academic Standards – No Report
  - B. Constitution and By-Laws – No Report
  - C. Faculty Welfare – No Report
  - D. Fiscal Affair – No Report
  - E. Elections Committee – No Report
- VII. Special Orders
  - A. Election of Officers to the 2016-2017 Executive Committee
    - a. Frye will resign as president immediately after this meeting to take a new job out of state. There will be two presidents elected at this meeting.

- i. Election of the replacement for 2016-2017 year
      - 1. Gissendanner nominated – Elected unanimously
  - b. Proposal – For the election of the president for the 2017-2018 year to be moved to the next meeting
    - i. Gissendanner/Thornton – Approved unanimously
    - ii. Informational discussion of the importance of officer positions.
      - 1. Importance of service to keeping senate relevant and effective.
      - 2. Work level of president as moderate but doable. Depends on activity of university administration and major projects undertaken by senate.
  - c. Election of the secretary for 2017-2018 year.
    - i. Savannah Posey nominated to serve in from January 2017 to August 2018 – Elected unanimously.
- B. 2016-2017 Faculty Senate Committee Assignments
  - a. See document entitled “Faculty Senate Committee Assignments 2016-2017”
    - i. Old members generally remain the same

#### VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Faculty Handbook – Update and Charge Faculty Welfare Committee
  - a. Meetings continued over summer each week. A handbook was fleshed out and revised. It is now in VPAA’s hands to review. It will return to the Faculty Handbook Ad Hoc Committee for review.
- B. New Humanities Course Proposal
  - a. Required Core Curriculum interdisciplinary course proposal has been tabled unless a future plan is put out by the faculty.
  - b. Roger Carpenter is teaching the course for the second semester now, but he has been told that this semester will be the last.

#### XI. New Business

- A. 2016 Fall Semester Faculty Senate Meeting Dates
  - a. Typically the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of the October 13 meeting.
- B. FS Recommendations to University Committees
  - a. University Advising Committee – Pilcher
  - b. University Library Committee – Rogers
  - c. Student Technology Assessment Plan Committee – Kim
  - d. Electronic Learning Committee (7 needed) – Carpenter, Chapman, El-Giar, Hutto
- C. Building Access
  - a. Police have restricted access from 10:30 pm to 6:00 am.

i. Concerns

1. This has presented problems, especially for CHPS.
  - a. Associate dean acquired access for this faculty
2. Vangelisti pointed out that VAPA has problems because of the number of evening performances and that there is a general safety issue with people waiting outside for UPD assistance to enter
3. Rogers expressed that his work has been hampered because of his lack of access to books and other resources. He also teaches an evening class
4. Mullone expressed concern of previous lack of security in Brown Annex

ii. Seems to negatively affect faculty across the university

- b. Following concerns expressed, Frye has stated that she will bring the problem before administration

D. Policy on Policies materials

a. Concerns

- i. Per Gissendanner, there is nothing about vetting policies with the senate

1. Passing it through the senate would be beneficial to avoid future problems. There have been five instances over the previous three years with problematic policies.

ii. Frye received it via the VPAA's office from the President

- b. Proposal – The procedure needs a provision for the senate to review and discuss policies and make recommendations about policies not arising through the faculty senate. That new policies would be reviewed at the next meeting will be stipulated.
- c. Proposal – The policy should have a provision for policy proposals that arise as recommendations from the faculty through the senate.

X. Adjournment – 1:51 pm – Gissendanner/Anderson – Unanimously approved

Fall Semester 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule Dates:

August 25, 2016 @ 12:30, Hemphill 124

September 15, 2016 @ 12:30, Hemphill 124

October 13, 2016 @ 12:30, Hemphill 124

November 17, 2016 @ 12:30, Hemphill 124