



Faculty Executive Committee Meeting

6 October 2022

3:15pm, School of Music Board, Virginia Howard-Martin Board Room

Present: Daniel Tirone (Vice President), Meredith Veldman (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large) Parampreet Singh (Member-at-Large), Mandi Lopez (Past President)

Absent: Inessa Bazayev (President), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large)

Guests: Jackie Bach (Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Support Services), Jeffrey Roland (HSS Senator), Cathy Williams (Chair: ASH Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Daniel Tirone at 3:16 pm.

Public Comments: None.

FSEC Minutes from 29 September 2022: Kazuschyk moved to approve, Singh seconded; motion passed unanimously.

President's Updates delivered by Tirone in Bazayev's absence

1. A new Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant has been hired. Sarah Williamson-Richard will begin in the post Oct. 17.
2. Tenure Task force established by Louisiana SCR 6 will hold its first meeting on Oct. 25. Bazayev and Tirone are working with Academic Affairs to prepare.

Unfinished Business

- **Transfer Evaluations for 1000- and 2000-level Courses** –Bach supplied requested information:
 - In 2020: Acting Provost Matthew Lee appointed a task force to look at LSU's transfer evaluation process. Potential transfer students had complained it was opaque and too slow; students were choosing to go elsewhere. In addition, faculty on 9-month contracts were expected to evaluate transfer courses for credit during the summer; some faculty members had to evaluate hundreds of application w/o compensation or award
 - The task force recommended that LSU centralize and streamline the evaluation process by hiring and training salaried Transfer Analysis staff; This plan was shelved by the Covid pandemic.
 - The task force comprised 40% faculty members and 60% administrators; its members talked with faculty doing large #s of transfer applications; the faculty members on the

task force were also involved in the hiring of Tammy Johnson as LSU's Transfer Analyst. Johnson has been and continues to train with individual faculty who have created rubrics for credit evaluation of courses in their departments and programs.

--An auditing process is now being piloted with English and Math by which Johnson's decisions were reviewed by faculty; discussed and corrected; she is doing more training with faculty in those departments.

--Not every program has entered the Transfer Evaluation process yet (some may not; e.g. Construction Mgt, some of the Sciences); not every program has yet gone through the auditing process.

Subsequent discussion focused on the process more than the outcome, particularly about the lack of a robust faculty presence during the process of decision-making, as well as the communication of decisions to the faculty. To avoid such problems in the future, all agreed that the Senate should be more directly involved, communications between associate deans and faculty members needs to be improved; Bach will report regularly to the FSEC on Academic Affairs' initiatives.

Lopez expressed concern about the way the decision had shifted from its origins. According to Lopez's recollections, FSEC asked then-Provost Stacia Haynie to examine a related but different problem: that non-LSU students resident in Louisiana wanting to take courses at LSU over summer and holiday breaks had complained that they could not get accurate information and ended up being unable to take LSU courses for credit elsewhere. This issue still needs resolution.

- **Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee (ASH) – Cathy Williams**

- Referral of 55% "Prime Time" Course Section Limit

ASH had met and decided the FSEC referral of this matter to the committee was in error because this issue did not fall within its purview. Tirone explained that a miscommunication had occurred: FSEC wanted ASH to investigate the ramifications of this policy for student scholarship. All agreed this question does fall within ASH's remit.

- Student Government Request to Modify the Concentrated Study Period

ASH had approved the Student Govt proposal and submitted this approval to Bazayev for signature. Tirone explained that substantive concerns re this policy change existed; moreover; this policy resulted from action by the Faculty Senate in 1993; the full Senate must vote on any revision. Ash could present the policy as a motion or as a resolution.

Subsequent discussion focused on three areas: 1) problems with the proposed changes to policy, 2) how to move forward toward Senate consideration of the issue, and 3) future process RE ASH committee decisions and FSEC vs. full Senate approval.

1), Williams indicated that student concerns seemed to center on faculty violations of the current policy; all agreed that the proposed change did

nothing to address such violations. Tirone pointed out that Student Gov't is one of the stakeholders involved in the current effort to streamline the student complaint process thru LSU Cares, and that this effort may well address many of the students' concerns.

2) Consensus: the matter should return to ASH; student representatives need to meet with committee members to present the resolution and answer questions.

3) Tirone will attend the next ASH meeting to talk about future procedure.

Singh moved to modify the agenda by moving New Business forward in order to assure the approval of committee member nominees. Veldman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Approval of nominees for Standing Committees

The slate of nominees was amended: Courses and Curricula: Hwang Lee—Sciences, substituted for Singh; ILC: Dominique Homberger--Honors) substituted for Ringelman, Veldman moved to approve slate as amended; PS seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Broadcast email

The second FS all-faculty broadcast email will include the President's Report, an update on the SCR 6, a "what every faculty member should know" report of the last FS meeting, and a thank you to participants in the committees survey + a "lessons learned" section (need to work with Marketing to improve participation). Tirone will write the latter. Final consideration on Oct. 11.

Old Business

- Resolution 22-08 Revision to Article VI: Election of Officers of the LSU Faculty Senate Bylaws

Singh presented the revised draft. No changes were made; Singh will present the resolution at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

- Standing Committee Reports

Tirone moved to postpone. Singh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- LSU's Plans for the New Library

Veldman moved to invite Stanley Wilder to discuss proposal for new library and its book collection with the FSEC; ML amended the motion to include an invitation to Gundela Hachmann, Chair of FS Library Committee. Tirone seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- First Year Student Course Scheduling

Veldman conveyed the concerns of several faculty members over the new policy of freshmen scheduling, which has removed faculty and college advisors from the process and handed it over to Enrollment Management. Veldman moved to invite Jackie Bach, Clay Benton (Registrar's office), Becky Caire (HSS Dean's office), Joan King and (if Benton advises) Jose Aviles (enrollment mgt) to discuss the matter with FSEC. Singh seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Veldman moved to table the remaining business until the next meeting. Kazyschuk seconded; passed unanimously.

Adjourned 4:46.