



Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
April 20, 2022
11:00am, LSU Union Caddo Room 305

Attendance:

Mandi Lopez, Marwa Hassan, Kenneth McMillian, Joan King, Inessa Bazayev, Roger Laine, Jeff Roland

- Call to Order
 - President Lopez called the meeting to order at 11:00am
- Roll Call
 - Called by Ms. Knoll
- Public Comments*
 - No public comments
- President's Updates
 - BOS meetings are publicly available. Any questions regarding their activities or updates can be found on their website.
 - President Lopez prepared a written statement on Resolution No. 6 for the legislative session last Thursday, April 14, 2022. The resolution was deferred during the meeting.
 - The FSEC met with VP Donna Torres. Those notes will be available on the FSEC website soon.
 - Upcoming activities include interviews with the EVPP and VP LSU Online candidates. Calendar invitations have been sent.
- FSEC Minutes Approval
 - Professor Laine made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Professor King. All in favor, no nays, or abstentions. Minutes pass.
- New Business
 - Open Meetings Law and Meetings with Upper Administrators
 - The FSEC was joined by Winston DeCuir and Johana Posada of General Counsel.
 - The FSEC has garnered media attention over the alleged violation of OML.
 - General Counsel: If the Provost or administrator calls the meeting and no official FSEC business is discussed, then it is not an official meeting of the FSEC and therefore not in violation of OML.
 - President Lopez: "For the record, OML has not applied to Faculty Senate until the last 3 years. It has never been complied with by previous presidents and there have been no previous demands to comply. The practices of this body [Faculty Senate] are based on 40-50 years of practices. The transition to comply with OML, further complicated by Covid and Covid accommodations, has been a tremendous undertaking."
 - General Counsel: This is a learning process. The way the laws are interpreted change over time, and the university must follow the current interpretations.
 - There is no intended intent on violating OML. Faculty and the Faculty Senate have shown good faith in attempting to follow the rules. It takes time to transition.
 - All FSEC committees are subject to OML.
 - General Counsel will issue a written statement for the Faculty Senates in the LSU system.

- Faculty Senate ILC Committee Membership
 - ILC requested additional membership who will be revolving of. Committee is asking for continuation or new members. No opposition to continue members that are willing to serve (Kevin cope, Ali Ali and Michael Barton). FSEC approves the continuation request.
 - Nominations for missing positions are requested by next week. Senator King recommended Julia Ledet.
- Faculty Council Meeting
 - Date and Time
 - Senator Roland conveyed that faculty are requesting a different time. President Lopez and Ms. Knoll explained the complicated schedule of the president, but they will work with the president staff to see if the meeting can be moved to 2.00 pm which was offered by the President's Office as an alternate time. All members approved the 2.00 pm schedule request.
 - Agenda Draft
 - The draft agenda was shared.
- 8000 and 9000 Departmental/Registrar Scheduling Process Changes
 - Registrar Benton will be invited to the FSEC meeting on May 4th to discuss this issue.
- Continuing/Unfinished Business
 - Faculty Senate Committee Nominations Needed
 - Annual Council Meeting Ad Hoc Committee
 - Covid-19 Ad Hoc Committee
 - Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Advisory Committee
 - Faculty Adjudication Committee
 - Diversity
 - Art and Design
 - Mass Communications
 - ILC
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 - Mass Comm
 - Nominations for the above positions are requested.
 - Senator Hassan recommended Dr. Shi for the Budget and planning committee.
 - Dr. Sikes was recommended for Budget and planning committee.
 - Dr. Kang was recommended for the Adjudication Committee.
 - Dr. Henderson was recommended for the Adjudication Committee.
 - Dr. Peck was recommended for the Adjudication committee.

A motion was made by VP King to accept all the decisions made by the FSEC during the meeting and seconded by Senator Laine. All approved.

*It is intended that public comments may be made (1) when they relate to a matter on the agenda and (2) when individuals desiring to make public comments have registered at least one hour prior to the meeting by emailing facultysenate@lsu.edu or by calling 225-578-5248. When registering, individuals should identify themselves; the group they are representing, if appropriate; and the topic on which they would like to comment. To ensure that the meeting is conducted in an efficient manner, each individual will be limited to 3 minutes for their public comments and the President reserves the right to limit the total number of public comments if necessary.