



Faculty Executive Committee Meeting  
May 4, 2022  
11:00am, LSU Union Caddo Room 305

- Call to Order
  - President Lopez called the meeting to order at 11:00am
- Roll Call
  - Lopez, McMillin, King, Bazayev, Laine, Roland
- Public Comments\*
  - No public comments
- President's Updates
  - There is an ongoing Provost search with 4 candidates. The FSEC met with the candidates and a new Provost should be in place by July 1.
  - SB 6 was discussed at education committee. Professor Lopez testified and thanked Professor Laine for attending. President Henderson was also in attendance and reiterated Professor Lopez's points.
  - There are changes in terminal Masters Degrees in some colleges, Dean Spencer provided a written response that no programs are cancelled or changed. It is a reorganization and funding of positions. Ms. Knoll will send the message to the FSEC.
  - Professor Lopez followed up with the Registrar on the 8000/9000 sections available to students. This is how it's been done for a while. Faculty need to request their courses be listed. Each semester they ask for courses to be added/ sections to limit extra courses that will or will not be taught. Some administrators are not doing this correctly, making this an implementation issue. The FSEC will request to meet with the Registrar.
  - Professor Lopez attended the Tiger 12 Class of 2022 Accolades and stated that it was a nice reception outlining student achievements.
  - Professor Lopez congratulated the new FSEC members on their election.
  - Professor Lopez met with Interim LSU Online VP Mumphrey. Mumphrey agreed to be more transparent in cost of courses as requested. The true cost is not represented. There are challenges associated with different online programs such as different deadlines, requirements, and systems. A future goal includes a course map for online degrees.
  - There is an ongoing search for the VP of LSU Online and one should be in place by July 1.
  - VP of Strategy Mark Bieger meets with his planning team every other week and will be meeting this Thursday. The plan is moving forward—organizing different work groups and work groups report back to central group
  - The last BOS meeting in June. There is an ad hoc committee working on the BOS Bylaws and Regulations.
  - Questions
    - Professor Roland: Clarification with Spencer: Is this a feature of the new plan for the graduate school, not a plan for system?
      - Dean Spencer did not address that directly in his message. Ms. Knoll will send his response.
    - Professor Roland: If you pull funding the MA programs on campus, that will kill the program
      - Agreement from FSEC members.

- Professor Roland: You referenced the new FSEC members. Were they expected to attend and be on hand for this meeting?
      - All meetings are public, Professor Lopez was simply congratulating them
    - Professor Roland: Is there any more information on the BOS as far as where they are on ad hoc committee?
      - The BOS has not communicated anything further. It is an internal process—as Professor Lopez understands, staff with liaise with faculty.
- FSEC Minutes Approval
  - Motion to discuss: Professors Laine and King
  - Professor Laine commented to Piper Hutchinson who was in attendance.
    - Ms. Hutchinson declined comment, requesting communication via email
  - Professor Roland correction/addition: Under Faculty Council Meeting agenda item, Date and Time, “...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.”
  - Motion to accept with correction: Professors King and Roland, minutes pass.
- New Business
  - Required Annual Training
    - Professor Laine created a draft on this issue and requests information on federal training requirements.
    - Professor Lopez commented that training includes state requirements, not just federal.
    - This will be added as a proposed agenda item with VP Torres.
  - Elimination of terminal MA programs under the new strategic plan
    - Ms. Knoll will send Dean Spencer’s response
      - Unclear and unknown at this point: need clarity
    - Professor Roland recommended a presentation by Spencer at the Council meeting on what exactly is being proposed.
    - Professor Bazayev: This was not done with faculty consultation. Some colleges thrive on funding Masters degree students and cutting funding will impoverish those programs. For example, there can’t be a thriving PhD program without a Masters program. This needs to be addressed on a university level
    - Professor Lopez agreed. There is not enough information to protest.
    - Professor Bazayev: A Masters degree is required in some colleges—the intricacies of each program is absent. There is a lack of understanding in the humanities in general.
    - This was an administrative move. It is not sure if it originated in the graduate school. Professor Lopez suggested that with the new administrative leadership as of July 1, this be a priority (funding model should not change between now and then).
    - Ms. Knoll will send Dean Spencer’s response and add as a proposed agenda item to the new Provost meeting after July 1.
    - Add as a proposed agenda item for Council meeting:
      - Concerned not get much more information than now
      - Unclear what proposal is, and faculty need clarification
      - Might animate faculty to attend
      - Invite Spencer to present
  - SB 10
    - ORP members to buy into TRSL program
    - Unclear what that means: ORP members relinquish ORP funds to TRSL
    - Might not be sufficient, what is in ORP might not cover what they are asking for
    - Some younger faculty under impression that must join ORP, no choice
    - This has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate B&P committee as an agenda item for their first Fall meeting.
    - Need models for faculty examples—what the approx. actuary fee would be

- TRSL charged to do it and will determine their own costs and will most likely not do anything until the bill is passed
    - Not enough information to have an opinion on it, unable to have an informed opinion without this information
    - Faculty will have until 2028 to make decision
    - Point is to be aware of it, not much agreement in legislature
  - Faculty Council Meeting
    - Voting at the FC meeting
      - Guest Johanna Posada stated that it must be in person, oral so every member is going to have say aye, nay or abstain. General Counsel still working through the details.
      - Professor King requested that the meeting be recorded
      - A Secretary to take minutes is needed: usually/should be a faculty member
        - Faculty Senate Secretary Hassan and incoming FS Secretary Veldman will not be in attendance.
        - FSEC members asked Professor King to consider taking minutes.
      - Logistical question for attendance recording: What if a tiger card doesn't swipe? Ms. Knoll will confer with administrative staff.
    - Solicitation of agenda items for the FC meeting
      - President's message is confusing.
      - Follow ups are planned with multiple messages
        - Professor Bazayev sent a suggestion, Ms. Knoll to follow up.
        - Professor King is taking the lead as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and will keep the FSEC informed.
    - Amendments to the 2020 draft Constitution at the FC meeting
      - Professor Roland drafted document with added amendments. He suggested to vote on amendments as a slate/package rather than individually. This will save time during the meeting.
      - Professor Roland found discrepancies between constitution documents on the website
        - Ms. Knoll will investigate.
      - Professor Lopez suggested that the October 2020 constitution be voted on during this year's Council meeting and next year's FSEC leadership address Professor Roland's amendments for the 2023 Council meeting.
      - Professor McMillin suggested to have faculty reaffirm the 2005 Constitution, wait until next year to incorporate amendments to the 2020 Constitution and have the vote next year
        - Operate under 2005 next year until vote in 2023 Council meeting
      - Need changes: numbering, online meeting, and 2-year term for President
      - Ms. Knoll will coordinate with Professor Roland and add new document to website
      - Determination: Ms. Knoll will investigate the discrepancies and send to the FSEC and coordinate with Professor Roland and add the new document to the website.
- 12:00pm: Guest Speaker
  - CIO Craig Woolley
    - Guests Ric Simmons and Craig Woolley
    - The FSEC and guests introduced themselves.
    - CIO Woolley presented on the Classroom Technology Survey
      - Project started this spring, ITS wants to move quickly so that faculty can see that they are listening and show results quickly
      - Worked with FSEC and OAA for the survey

- Kept survey brief: 6 questions
  - 325 completed, total comments 284
- Took comments, read through and sorted top themes
- Hybrid technology was the number 1 comment
- Other comments: consistency across classrooms, faculty configuration changes not being wiped out during semester, audio amplification for faculty and students, higher quality projectors, outdated equipment, smartboards/electronic boards, streamlined login process, immediate support options, adapters in classrooms or wireless display capabilities, confidence monitors, screen covers whiteboard
- Plan forward, Tier 2 classrooms
  - Proposal
    - Update to touchscreen switching
    - Auto tracking camera, PA system with mic on the instructor and audience for remote
    - In room amplification
    - Wireless displays, PC refresh with speakers, monitor upgrades, podiums, USM switcher, acoustic treatment
  - Recording is optional: needs to be turned on and cabled in
  - Process
    - Worked with IT governance committee
    - Met with Associate Deans
    - Asked each college to propose up to 6 preferred rooms in priority order
    - ITS staff visited each proposed room to do an inventory of current equipment and evaluate the room
    - These are scheduled department rooms, not necessarily registrar rooms
      - Goal: all rooms should be equal and centrally funded and equipment is consistent with the same experience
      - Department scheduled rooms are often left behind. Colleges get first rights to schedule and can control access.
      - Money: HURT funds, make easier for faculty and students to have hybrid or remote learning experience, no implications of rooms to be handed over to the registrar
- Question: what would be maintenance?
  - Intent: there is someone supporting those rooms now, not changing that model
  - Each college are asked how support will work and ITS will be on standby if something goes wrong, goal is to eventually get to all classrooms centrally supported and maintained—more support with larger team
- Goal for room upgrades: Fall 2022
  - Supply chain is an issue
  - If can't do Fall would try for next beak (winter)
- Announcement: Not announced to all faculty because of unknown information
  - Once details are known, ITS will announce to faculty
  - FS can help with communication/distribution
- Question: New overhead projectors: will they be brighter?
  - Laser projectors are being put in and should be brighter

- Setting new standard with equipment
  - Question: If at time installed, can a student worker set up instructions for each classroom on the best settings?
    - Yes, this will be immensely helpful for faculty
    - Training offered for those classrooms, year-round. New rooms will have training
  - Question: Will new rooms have a phone to call support?
    - Each room will have different areas supporting the rooms, the goal is to get to call button part of podium. Once that button is pushed, it will be routed to the correct person (department, ITS, or registrar)
  - Question: Will there be room microphones?
    - New rooms will have ceiling mics
  - Question: Will there be a mixer?
    - All audio mixers will be integrated into the system
- Additional discussion: Professor Laine discussed meeting with Woolley regarding LSU email addresses
  - Add to list for Provost
- Meeting Summary: send out Dean Spencer's response, double check that constitution documents are correct, change FC agenda item: Consideration of and Approval of Amendments to the Faculty Senate 2020 Draft Constitution
  - Motion to accept all decisions: Professors Roland and King, all decisions accepted

Motion to Adjourn, Roland seconded, all accepted

- Continuing/Unfinished Business
  - Faculty Senate Committee Nominations Needed
    - Covid-19 Ad Hoc Committee
    - Diversity
      - Art and Design
      - Mass Communications
    - ILC
      - Art and Design
      - Mass Comm

\*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](mailto: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.

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