



## Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

2 PM, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

### Minutes of the June 7, 2023 Meeting

**I. Call to Order:** Tirone called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

#### **II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Meredith Veldman (Secretary), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Parampreet Singh (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Inessa Bazayev (President), Mandi Lopez (Past President), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large)

**III. Public Comments:** None.

**IV. FSEC Minutes Approval** from 10 May 2023: Ringelman moved to approve. Passed unanimously.

#### **V. President's Updates**

- Tirone mentioned signing of the agreement between the Office of Academic Affairs, ITS, Faculty Senate and the Chair of ad hoc FS IT committee on procedure on the feedback on IT policies PS-120 till PS-133. The ad hoc FS IT committee has been meeting up to thrice a week since late April. Will continue working on providing extensive feedback to ITS in Fall 2023 and sign a memo on 9 June 2023 on the current status of IT policies.
- Tirone attended Meauxmentum Follow Up event on student retention and advancement.
  - Mentioned discussion on identifying courses which act as roadblocks to graduation timeline. Open question whether such a delay arises from shortfalls in student preparedness or course structure. Ringelman mentioned that Courses and Curriculum committee can be of help in this matter.
  - Breakout sessions organized based on 30-60-90 days metric. Tirone attended and updated one on student engagement and internship.
- Sen. Stewart Cathey's Senate Bill 174 is currently stalled.
- LA House resolution DEI is also currently stalled.
- State legislature passed resolution prohibiting universities to enter partnerships on sports gambling. Though not retroactive, LSU decided to end its contract with Caesars.
- Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy asked Bazayev and Tirone for feedback on a document being prepared by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness on academic freedom.
- Student Health Insurance would result in a premium of approximately \$700 for graduate students. Details still need to be finalized.
- LSU's application to consortium studying slavery is in progress.
- Tirone is in communication with the General Counsel's office on the start date of term for

the COFA representative. Bazayev will start in this role on 1 July 2023.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- **Ad hoc FS IT Committee—Singh**
  - The Committee has already met 15 times. Collaborative but extensive exercise with significant revisions to policy drafts. Only 3 policy statements covered so far – PS120, PS121 and PS124. Many issues of concern in these policies to faculty and students already addressed adequately after extensive deliberations.
  - Mentioned 3 contentious issues where the committee requested Faculty Senate input: Clarification with Registrar’s office on classification of student ID numbers in compliance with FERPA guidelines; discussing with upper administration on providing IT assets to LSUAM employees, in particular graduate students, for a more effective compliance with IT policies; and clarifying the role of FS IT committee with the Office of Academic Affairs in the veto on IT policies.
  - Student ID numbers which were classified as confidential data in original draft of PS-121 at this stage removed from any classification. To be revised after discussions with the Registrar’s office.

## **VII. New Business**

- **Senate Meeting Schedule**
  - Cobb mentioned difficulties with holding Faculty Senate meetings at the LSU Foundation since these can continue beyond regular business hours. Will be held in the Dalton Woods auditorium with potential updates to audio equipment. Ringelman moved to approve the schedule. Passed unanimously.
  - Tirone discussed constitutional requirements for the minimum number of meetings and how to spread them in fall and spring semesters.
- **Faculty Handbook Revisions**

Various committee members have made edits. Tirone mentioned problems with revision in a short amount of time given various changes to LSU policies and procedures. Gave example of revisions to the Flagship Agenda. FSEC will submit a working document by the end of June while continuing to work on improving this document.
- **Broadcast Emails**
  - Draft was proposed in the previous meeting. Notes contributions of various committees. Thanks, various faculty who helped Faculty Senate in important matters and President Tate on Sen. Stewart Cathy’s bill. Thanks Veldman for services to Faculty Senate as Secretary. After minor amendments Singh moved to approve. Passed unanimously.
  - Tirone mentioned that UREC approached to disseminate information to Faculty Senators about summer programs. FSEC will send an email to Faculty Senators.
- **Intersection of Internationalization and DEI—Veldman**
  - Need for a greater synergy between two committees.
  - Expressed need for making Internationalization committee more active.
  - Discussed LSU Study Abroad programs and importance for engagement of students in international programs

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.**