

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
Rm 2-91, Ad.Min. ULM Campus
12:35-2:05 p.m.

- * indicates excused absence;

Senators Present: Bontty, Campbell, Dupre, Feldhaus, Grinnell, Hare, Hill, Hutto, Kervin, Nichelson, Owens, Parker, Reid, Rhorer, Steckline, Taylor, Walker, Wilson

Senators Absent: Chandler, Jois*, Lowe*, Matusiak*

Handouts available: Agenda, Minutes of the February 5, 2009 FS Meeting, draft of FS resolution in support of the ULM Faculty, Professional Staff, and the Administration During the Current Economic Climate.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, at 12:33 p.m.

Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.

The **Minutes of the February 5, 2009** meeting were **accepted** with minor corrections to include all names of members of the Elections Committee, and substitute “dialogue” for “saga” in word choice in another sentence. (Owens/Reid).

Committee Reports:

- A. Joseph Feldhaus indicated that the **Elections Committee** is about to send out nominating letters to campus faculty, noting when committee would meet to label envelopes, and requested account information for envelope purchase.
- B. **Faculty Welfare** has a full slate of items, but has not been able to coordinate a majority of schedules for a meeting time.
- C. **Faculty Friends** was charged to find a workable Thursday evening in March to host a social and a venue in coordination with the President.
- D. Bruce Walker reported for **Fiscal Affairs**, noting that SRAC (Strategic Resource Allocation Committee) noted in a meeting, that the three universities of ULM, Grambling, and TECH could save lots of money but state law prohibits us from purchasing in a consortium. If the three schools could order supplies as a collective, rather than individually parsing the expenses money could be saved. The SRAC committee has several charges not least of which is studying internal efficiency regarding the purchase of educational technology. Bill McGown serves on this system wide committee.
- E. Donna Rhorer reported that the **Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)** and Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates had emailed notice of resolutions sent to the Governor protesting budget cuts to higher education. The two schools specifically listed were Southern University and UNO. [Note the FS met March 10, 2009 with a quorum, and passed a resolution voicing opposition to these proposed cuts. The resolution was modeled on Southeastern’s and can be found under **Resolutions** of the faculty Senate Webpage].

New Business:

- A. The FS **finalized the draft of the resolution in support of the Provost’s plan to deal with possible budget cuts**, and it was unanimously approved. (Parker/Feldhaus). See **Resolutions** on the FS Website. Thanks were given to the sub-committee that met between Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 to craft the resolution finalized today.

- B. Donna Rhorer indicated that the President will make recommendations regarding the work of the governance committees (Shared, Staff, and FS) models and once these have been made, President Rhorer will write to thank the Shared Governance Committee.
- C. The regularly scheduled meeting of Feb. 19, 2009 was cancelled.
- D. An FYI observation was made that the Smoking Resolution, and work of the Smoking Committee seem to have “gone up in smoke,” as the planned “roll-out” of campus-awareness activities regarding the changes, appear to have been victims of January’s budget cut.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m. (Feldhaus/Walker)

Extra-Innings of FS Business