



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
10am, 25 September 2023
Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Present: Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Parampreet Singh (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Michelle Osborn (Member-at-Large)

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President)

Guests: Calvin Feldt (Student Govt), Carol Wicks (Assoc. Dean, Graduate School)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:01 am on Sep 25, 2023, at Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom at the School of Music in the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted by a majority vote following a motion by Ringelman with Osborn abstaining.

President Bazayev welcomed Osborn to FSEC. In her updates she mentioned that along with Vice-President Tirone she attended a dinner hosted by LSU President Tate celebrating LSU's Momentous Year. This event was attended by various academic and administrative leaders of LSU. Bazayev also met with LSU President Tate on 9/19/23 and discussions focused on overcoming AAUP censures at LSU. This would require revision of some of the policy statements, especially those dealing with tenure protection, and providing a higher degree of protection to non-tenured faculty who have completed 6 years of employment. Bazayev mentioned that she has been approached by the Disability Faculty and Staff Caucus to fill vacancy in the committee. Further, the Committee on Committees is working hard to fill the vacancies in different Faculty Senate committees. Bazayev then mentioned an email from HR regarding Employee Engagement Survey, and that she has been invited by College of Science Dean Peterson to attend a meeting with NSF for a grant to help alleviate gender discrepancy at LSU.

Tirone moved to suspend the agenda so that the committee could discuss the issue of parking problems at Patrick F Taylor Hall (PFTH). Passed unanimously.

Singh provided updates on the problems faced by the faculty and staff from the College of Engineering in PFTH due to rezoning of the B parking spots in the Touchdown Village West lot to

A parking spots. This change occurred after the faculty and staff started signing up for new permits and has caused extensive hardships. Committee members discussed various complexities of parking at LSU and potential solutions to PFTH parking problems. Bazayev will work with Staff Senate President Duplechain and approach the Parking Office to further investigate this issue.

Tirone moved to suspend the agenda so that the committee could take up the agenda item on Syllabus Database. Passed unanimously.

Guest speaker Feldt mentioned that the availability of such a database would help students in making judicious choices about which courses to take. Committee members discussed issues including intellectual property, compliance, and procedural aspects. Tirone moved to put together a joint committee composed of faculty and students to understand various aspects in the creation of a syllabus database. Passed unanimously.

Tirone moved to suspend the agenda so that Associate Dean of Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School Wicks could discuss graduate student evaluations. Passed unanimously.

Guest speaker Wicks mentioned that graduate student evaluations on a semester basis are required under PS-21. Students are supposed to be evaluated academically and based on their assistantship this makes multiple faculty responsible for evaluating every student. Committee members expressed various concerns on the procedural aspects including ambiguities involving who should do such evaluations, what is meant by “graduate advisor”, whether 3.0 GPA is enough to provide satisfactory review, probation etc. A particular topic of concern was making syllabus for 9000 level research credits available and how it would conflict with innovation and creative aspects of research.

Tirone moved to suspend the agenda so that the committee could discuss the FSEC meeting schedule. Passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed the schedule for meetings in this semester and agreed to hold them on Mondays of the weeks when Faculty Senate is not meeting. The time was fixed as 10 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am following a motion by Kazuschyk. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary