



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
22 August 2024
12:00 pm, 251 Music and Dramatic Arts Building

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Inessa Bazayev (Past-President), Parampreet Singh (Vice-President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:05 pm on August 22, 2024, in room 251 of the Music and Dramatic Arts Building at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

President's Updates

1. Tirone met with President Tate, Ashley Arceneaux (Chief of Staff, Office of the President) and Olivia Phelps (President, Staff Senate). Most of the discussion focused on the university budget. A draft budget is being sent to the Board of Regents that reflects potential cuts if the state sales tax is not approved. The Leadership would like to emphasize that this is an exercise in due diligence: while they are hoping for the best, they are preparing for the worst and will do their best to mitigate negative impacts. This year's 3% raises are available through the re-allocation of self-generated funds; Leadership hopes to continue this trend to diminish our reliance on the state legislature for raises. The topic of tuition remittance for faculty family members is also being discussed; Leadership is open to creative solutions (Tops enrollment requirement, lottery, etc.) and is analyzing how such a program would affect the overall budget.
2. Accounts: Funds for the Faculty Senate from the President account will be received by the end of the week.
3. Athletics Council faculty representation: Arceneaux confirmed that there is one faculty member position available.
4. Libraries: Based on AAU metrics, President Tate and Provost Haggerty have realized that the librarians are an anomaly with research productivity; the majority of their performance on campus is service-oriented. Thus, the tenure-track option will not be offered when opening new positions. Those currently in tenured or tenure-track positions will not be affected unless they would like to change to non-tenured or non-tenure track. Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy will meet with the Library faculty to further discuss their thoughts and needs regarding this change.
5. Instructor Positions: Academic Affairs is drafting a change to PM 23 for the system that will add additional levels of instructors (non-tenure track) to enable promotion for those on the instructor track with non-terminal degrees (Instructor, Senior Instructor, Distinguished Instructor). The LSU policy related to this would need to also be revised and may need to be considered by the Policy Committee.

6. ILC Committee: Tirone, Singh, and Cobb met with the ILC committee to discuss potential changes to the number of committee members and operating procedures.
7. FS Reception: Invitations have been emailed.
8. Tirone and Singh will meet with the new Student Body President in the next week or two to make introductions and to discuss, among other business, the attendance survey.
9. Tirone is investigating the appropriateness of Foundation accounts for FS business and also Campus Federal for sponsorship of events.
10. Broadcast Email for FS Committee Openings: 20-25 responses. Request for Faculty to fill open committee positions will be repeated FS Aug. 27 meeting and in the next broadcast email.
11. Tirone gave presentations about the FS at the New Faculty Summit and to the World Languages Department.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **8/27 Senate Meeting Agenda**. The agenda for the 8/27 FS meeting will include approval of the minutes from the April 11 meeting, standing business, President Tirone's report, Provost Haggerty's address; and a report by Vice President Singh, Jackie Bach (Vice Provost of Academic Programs, OAA), and Jim Murphy (Provost's Fellow for Academic Initiatives) that includes an update on the Faculty Technology Survey and the focus groups results. Lopata made a motion to approve the agenda as constructed. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. The next item of new business was **Appeals Board**. Requests by instructors to be on the Appeals Board were discussed. After some discussion and due to the nature of the charges of the committee, FSEC highly recommends that tenured faculty serve on the Appeals Board.
3. Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up the APIC Committee as the next order of business. Motion was unanimously approved.
4. The next item of new business was **APIC Committee**. Needs 3 members, including one from FSEC. Singh made a motion for FS President Dan Tirone, Faculty Senato Maria Bampasidou, Prof. Ilya Vekhter to be nominated by FESC for APIC. Motion was unanimously approved.
5. Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up the **FS IT Committee** as the next order of business. Motion was unanimously approved.
6. The next item of new business was **Ad hoc FS IT Committee**. Some committee members are unable to routinely participate in committee meetings due to short-term time constraints but still wish to be part of the committee. FSEC discussed options for such members and will ask General Council if there is an option for a "special advisor" and for clarification for that person's role on the committee.
7. Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up the **New Senator Orientation** as the next order of business. Motion was unanimously approved.
8. The next item of new business was **New Senator Orientation**. State law now says that special meals cannot be covered by state funds at meetings that are brief and routine. A New Senator Orientation is a special meeting; not brief or routine; this is being confirmed. Osborn made a motion to begin planning the New Senator Orientation. Motion was unanimously approved.
9. The next item of new business was **Committee Chair Orientation**. Singh made a motion to begin planning the Committee Chair Orientation. Motion was unanimously approved.

Singh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Osborn, Secretary