UL Lafayette Faculty Senate
Meeting April 17, 2013
Leslie Bary, Secretary

**RAP Session 3:30 PM**
E. Joe Savoie, President, and Carolyn Bruder, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, discussed funding and other issues.

**Meeting 4:00 PM**

Call to Order by EO Charity Bryan.

I. Nominating Committee – Voting for Officers

David Yarbrough, chair of the nominating committee, explained the election process. No nominations were presented from the floor, and voting was conducted by paper ballot. Election results reported at the end of the meeting were:

Executive Officer:
*Charity Bryan* 33 votes
Jim Macdonald 30 votes

Secretary:
*Leslie Bary* 49 votes
Kathleen Knierim 11 votes
Alan Deramus 2 votes

II. Approval of Minutes of meeting March 20, 2013

Motion to approve requested by Charity Bryan, made by [several voices], seconded by [several voices], passed unanimously.

III. Report of Executive Officer – Dr. Charity Bryan

a. Discussion of Faculty Senate Survey results: A task force will be created of people interested in the survey results, who would like to study these and create action items. A list of volunteers was taken.

b. April 17th Pool Party for all UL Faculty/Staff, sponsored by UL Faculty Senate, immediately after this meeting.

c. Update on Provost Search (Melinda Oberleitner chairs the committee): the search is taking place and it is hoped that a hire can be made in October, so that the new Provost can begin work in January, 2014.

IV. Reports of Senate Committees

a. Committee on Committees: Dr. Melinda Oberleitner, Chair, presented slate of candidates for membership on University committees to be approved and passed on to President Savoie. *Bill Ferguson*
moved to approve the list; and Aeve Petrie seconded; the motion was approved with 1 abstention.

b. Ways and Means: Dr. Denise Linton, Chair. No report.

c. Academic Planning and Development: Dr. Suzanne Ward, Chair. No report.

d. Governmental Concerns: Dr. Robert Slater, Chair. There are four bills in the Legislature to watch; see written report.

e. Faculty Advisory Council Representative: Dr. David Yarbrough, Chair; Dr. Jeff Lush, Alternate. No meeting, so no report.

V. Reports of Senate Committees: Ad-Hoc Committees

a. Status of Underrepresented Faculty Groups: Dr. Aeve Pitre, Chair. The committee met and discussed issues, and will have more to say soon.

b. Status of Women: Dr. Judy Gentry, Chair. The committee has not met but members are working actively on current committee projects as described and reported upon last month.

VI. Reports of University Committees

a. Curriculum: Kay Riedel, Chair. No meeting, no report.

b. Faculty Grievance: Dr. Jack Damico, Chair. No report. Senate should ask for year-end report from this committee.

c. Faculty Benefits and Welfare: Mr. Brian Powell, Chair. No report.

d. Library: Dr. Bruce Turner, Chair. Filed written report. Among other activities this committee met and chose a winner for the Caffery (essay) prize.

e. Academic Affairs and Standards: Dr. Suzanne Ward, Chair. No report.


g. Student Evaluation of Instruction: Dr. Jonathan Kulp, Chair. Filed written report. There are feasibility issues with moving the deadline for evaluation of courses to an earlier date, so the committee, having considered the Senate motion to this effect, has decided not to implement it.

h. Distance Learning Committee: Dr. Luke Dowden, Chair. Submitted written report.

i. Campus Planning Committee: Mr. Tom Sammons, Chair. Met last month; voted to support the Athletic Masterplan; approved standards and procedures for historical resources. For the committee, Mark Rees explained these standard and procedures.

j. Strategic Program Review Committee: Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Chair. Has not met.
k. General Education Committee: Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Chair. Met, they are looking at ways to approve gen ed courses that are given on line; this is in part for interim SACS report.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Voting on updates to Senate Constitution. For the Senate Executive Committee Charity Bryan moved that the Senate accept the “edits” it proposes to the Constitution. Judy Gentry presented, and George Wooddell seconded, four motions on these “edits,” all of which were approved unanimously.

Motion 1. To restore language currently in force (on website today) for Article 2, Section 3, F. Approved with two abstentions, no nays.

Correct language: “F. Election irregularities or challenges shall be referred to the Faculty Senate for arbitration.”

Motion 2. To restore “the secretary will keep the constitution and update it as directed by the Senate” to the end of Article 3, Section 3. Approved unanimously.

Motion 3. To insert, in Article 3, section 4c, after “April Meeting,” “after other nominations have been called to from the floor.”

Approved unanimously.

Motion 4. To delete the first iteration of “the Executive Committee” in Article 4, section 1a. Approved unanimously.

Motion 5. To strike Article 4, section 6c.

The Executive Committee withdrew this suggested modification to the Constitution.

The question was called on the EC’s motion to approve the edits with the above changes incorporated, and this motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. New Business

Judy Gentry moved that the Senate ask Planning and Academic Development to look at possibility of the Senate presenting members to the Committee on Strategic Program Review.

Robert McKinney said that that was how the Senate had gotten people onto the Strategic Planning Committee.

Judy Gentry said well, let’s get it into the Constitution.

Robert McKinney called for a quorum, and it was determined there was none. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.
IX. Announcements (none).

X. Adjournment.

Melinda Oberleitner moved to adjourn. As there was at this point no quorum, the motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

Upcoming meetings: Wednesday, September 18th; Wednesday, October 16th; Wednesday, November 20th.