University of Louisiana Faculty Senate  
Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
4:00 P.M.

Draft Minutes by Leslie Bary, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Robert McKinney. Minutes for both the October and the November meetings will be finalized by the time we meet January 18.

McKinney pointed out that this Senate functions well, accomplishes much, and has yet more to do. McKinney suggested it create an ad hoc committee on strategic planning. Keith Dorwick moved that such a committee be created; the motion was seconded by Dale Guillory. Discussion followed; Judy Gentry suggested we wait to create this committee since we have just created a new Executive Committee which could begin some strategic planning. Dorwick then withdrew the motion.

Two announcements were made:

1) McKinney: the resolutions on salaries and health insurance passed at our October meeting was sent to the Faculty Advisory Council and are being considered by them. They have also been sent to the other Faculty Senates at Louisiana institutions. McKinney will attend the ALFS meeting Saturday, November 19 and should have a chance to discuss this and related matters with there.

2) Melinda Oberleitner: the first candidate for the position of Provost is coming in Sunday evening (November 20th) and will make a presentation for Senate and other faculty Monday, November 21 at 2:15 PM. The other presentations are Monday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 30 and everyone is urged to attend and to ask questions. Vitals of all candidates have been circulated.

Committee reports included the following:

Committee on Committees: election results are in; a written report was circulated detailing the results / the current composition of committees; this report will be attached to these Minutes and placed on the Senate website.

Committee on Ways and Means (Bill Rieck, Chair): circulated written report including minutes. Rieck moved that this report and the recommendations in it be formally placed before the Senate. This motion did not require a second, and carried unanimously.

Committee on Planning and Development: no report; Committee on Governmental Concerns: is working towards electing a chair; Faculty Advisory Council: no report.
Ad hoc committees: Committee on Instructor Rank, no report; Committee on Status of Women, no report.

University Committees: Curriculum, met and approved new courses, which are listed on the Academic Affairs website; Grievance, no report; Benefits and Welfare, no report; Academic Affairs and Standards, no report; Parking and Planning, no report; Student Evaluation of Instruction, news on the new format was discussed by Jordan Kellman (Associate Dean, Liberal Arts) during the rap session (not as many students are filling out evaluations; incentives to do so are being given; please encourage students to fill out reports and assure them that their identities will not be revealed and results will not come to you until the semester is over).

Old Business: none to discuss.

New Business: **Toni Mohammed moved** that the Senate create a committee on the status of Black faculty, to address issues including recruiting. **Bary seconded; George Woodell made a friendly amendment** that the committee be an ad hoc committee, so that its creation would not require a constitutional amendment. The motion carried, with 2 votes against and 1 abstention.

McKinney requested a **motion to adjourn, and several Senators so moved**. The motion was **seconded by Dorwick, and carried unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.