University of Louisiana at Lafayette Faculty Senate Meeting

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

B. I. Moody Hall Room 103

Secretary: Leslie Bary

RAP Session 3:30PM: Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Interim VP of Academic Affairs, and Ellen Cook, Assistant VP of Academic Affairs

News from Dr. Bruder included the following:

► She, J. L. LeBlanc, and Interim System President Tom Layzell, and administrators from the other University of Louisiana System institutions made a presentation to the Committee on Budget, Legislature of the State Louisiana, to envision our lives at our institutions at 5% and 10% cuts of our total budget, or up to 30% of the State’s contribution. 5% is $6.6M and 10% is $13.3M. If you compare those figures to the budgets of any of our colleges you see that these cuts are the equivalent of cutting at least one entire college and also foregoing the revenue it generates. The mood of Legislature is not at all supportive. The full cuts may not be made now that the Legislature understands their meaning, but we may be looking at mid-year cuts of $2M to $4M. $4M will be very hard to absorb.

► Dr. Bradd Clark, Dean of the College of Sciences, is retiring and a national search is underway to replace him.

► There will be classes in the renovated Randolph Hall, near the new freshman dormitories in the Rose Garden, and living/learning communities will be housed there. Randolph Hall also has hotel-type rooms for visitors to campus.

► Provost candidate Loren Blanchard has withdrawn his candidacy, and plans to fill this post are uncertain at this time.

Ellen Cook, Assistant VP of Academic Affairs, reported on the next phase of the GRAD act:

► New standards on student success are maintenance of minimum passage ranges on the licensing exam in Nursing and on the PRAXIS exam. New standards on articulation and transfer include maintenance of first to second year retention rate of transfer students coming in with a minimum of 30 hours. New standards on workforce and economic development include maintenance of the number of programs offered through 100% distance education and of the dollar amount of research and development expenditures per research faculty member.

► Research faculty is anyone on Track 2 and up, but for practical reasons having to do with ISIS our figure will be based on all FTEs including instructors. New standards on efficiency and accountability include maintenance of our percentage of programs with either mandatory or recommended status that are currently discipline accredited.

**Bottom line:** to be able to increase tuition we need students to not drop courses and to pass their year, without giving away grades.
MEETING

I. Called to order 4 PM by EO Charity Bryan.

II. Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2012 and October 17, 2012.
   September: Bill Ferguson moved to approve; Anita Hazelwood seconded. Approved unanimously.
   October: Brian Taylor moved to approve, Kay Reidel seconded. Approved unanimously.

III. Report of Executive Officer – Dr. Charity Bryan
   Attended 4 University Council meetings, Faculty Senate planning meeting, and finalized creation of the
   new Senate Committee on the Status of Underrepresented Faculty Groups.

IV. Reports of Senate Committees: Permanent Committees

   a. Committee on Committees: Dr. Melinda Oberleitner, Chair. Held runoff election for permanent
      Senate Committees. Winners are:
      Committee on Committees: at large member George WOODDELL (Liberal Arts)
      Committee on Governmental Concerns: Bill FERGUSON (Business Administration)
      Committee on Ways and Means: Harlan ETHERIDGE (Business Administration)

   b. Ways and Means: Dr. Denise Linton, Chair: Committee is editing the Constitution to make sure all
      amendments passed in the last ten years are in it.

   c. Academic Planning and Development: Dr. Suzanne Ward, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

   d. Governmental Concerns: Dr. Bruce Turner, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

   e. Faculty Advisory Council Rep: Dr. David Yarbrough, Chair; Mr. Jeff Lush, Alternate
      Representative: Dr. Yarbrough filed a written report (on website).

V. Reports of Senate Committees: Ad-Hoc Committees

   a. Status of Underrepresented Faculty Groups: Dr. Aeve Pitre, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

VI. Reports of University Committees

   a. Curriculum: Kay Riedel, Chair. The 2013-2015 catalogue has gone to press, but there are more new
      courses proposed and the committee is considering these for the following catalogue.

   b. Faculty Grievance: Dr. Jack Damico, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

   c. Faculty Benefits and Welfare: Mr. Brian Powell, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

   d. Library: Dr. Bruce Turner, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

   e. Academic Affairs and Standards: Dr. Suzanne Ward, Chair, filed a written report (on website).
f. Parking and Planning: Chief Joey Sturm, Chair, no report; Sturm was on his way to the meeting to report in person but did not arrive.

g. Student Evaluation of Instruction: Dr. Jonathan Kulp, Chair, filed a written report (on website).

h. Distance Learning Committee: Dr. Luke Dowden, Chair, filed a written report (on website). Please get word out to faculty about Moodle 2, which we will begin using next semester. See information on new features and training at http://distancelearning.louisiana.edu.

i. Campus Planning Committee: Mr. Tom Sammons, Chair. Architect Steve Oubre made an interesting and attractive presentation on the Master Plan for the campus. There are two issues: what we are going to teach and how, and how buildings can work to support this, and the University Commons. This is to be much more than a research park. It is to be a 7000 square foot research facility and serve as an income stream as well. Sustainability is part of the Master Plan code, and the “Creole Georgian” architecture of the core UL buildings is to be preserved.

Downtown is to be “leveraged,” since every campus in the country that has urban access has extra value. There will be parking structures at the periphery, and we will walk in a maximum of 2600 feet; this will alleviate the need for buses coming in from Cajun Field. The parking lots and spaces will be gone and the space will be used as gardens, walkways, outdoor classrooms, and so on. We will have centralized file storage so as to free 250,000 square feet of space now being used for storage and use this space for other things (e.g. classrooms). St. Mary street will be massively improved; it will be possible to cross Johnston and walk up pleasant, wide sidewalks on St. Mary, where there will be shops and restaurants.

The entire campus, from Girard Park to the Lite Center area, will be connected with walkways, some of them covered, but it has been conceived of in three “nodes” and there will be transit between these. have shops there. Further detail is available at ul Lafayette masterplan.wordpress.com.

j. Strategic Program Review Committee: Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Chair. The committee met 6 weeks ago, as discussed in the October RAP session (see October minutes). It has not met since. Strategic Program Review is not being undertaken for purposes of determining whether or not programs should be continued but with a view to improvement.

k. General Education Committee: Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Chair, filed written report (on website). The report includes the agenda, so we can see what this committee is discussing. They have made no new decisions.

VII. Unfinished Business

Senator Judy Gentry: She had presented a motion at the end of the last meeting, to start the business of choosing an additional member of the Executive Committee, as stipulated in the Constitution, and the motion had been seconded. EO Bryan suggested continuing to table this motion until January, and Gentry accepted this.

Senator Brian Taylor: The Band's trip to North Texas was approved by President Savoie. That means this is an excused absence from classes for Band members.
VIII. New Business

Gentry: A new media communications policy has been sent out to us all by e-mail. It may mean the Senate cannot go to the press as Senate.

In response, Carolyn Bruder suggested Aaron Martin, Director of Communications and Marketing, come to our January meeting to discuss this matter. Gentry clarified that a question we should not fail to address is whether the policy is in accordance with AAUP guidelines for academic freedom, or not.

Bryan: There is a proposal in the Executive Committee to move Senate elections to Spring (i.e. March/April) of the academic year, with committee elections in September of the next academic year. We will vote on this in our January meeting.

Taylor: We may need a followup election in fall to replace anyone who is elected, but then leaves the University before the fall semester begins. This and any other issues with the proposal are to be discussed at the January meeting.

IX. Announcements (none).

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM by EO Charity Bryan.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, January 23rd, Wednesday, February 20th, Wednesday, March 20th, Wednesday, April 17th.