A Message from Charity Bryan, Executive Officer (2012-13)

This has been an exceptionally busy year for the Faculty Senate at UL Lafayette. Monthly meetings were held in Moody 103 with active participation from Senators, committee chairs and ad-hoc committee chairs.

Each meeting also featured the Rap Session with Dr. Bruder who covered issues related to the campus community at large. This year, the Senate enjoyed a variety of guest speakers who covered various topics such as:

- **Jordan Kellman** — Undergraduate Minors;
- **Andy Benoit** — Admissions Process;
- **Steve Oubre** — Campus Master Plan;
- **Gene Fields** — Campus Technology;
- **Jerry Luke Leblanc** — Budget issues;
- **Fabric LeRoy** — International Initiatives Task Force;
- **Aimee Bullinger** — UL Website.

These individuals were a great addition to the Senate and their information is greatly appreciated. While many entities across campus have very valuable information to share, the Senate realized that some information needs a different venue, where more time can be dedicated to a topic.

To that end, the Senate facilitated two Town Hall meetings in Spring 2013: **Ramesh Kolluru**—Intellectual Property Revisions; **Paula Carson**—NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). The Senate will continue to facilitate Town Hall meetings (2 each fall and 2 each spring) over the course of the next academic year.

Please feel free to contact your Senate officers for issues, concerns or suggestions, anytime!

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**Ad-Hoc Committee Updates**

Two Senate ad-hoc committees are currently operating and reporting to the Senate on a monthly basis. The Status of Underrepresented Faculty Groups (Chair, Aeve Pitre; asa6869@louisiana.edu) has been charged with conducting basic research on the demographics of the current UL Lafayette Faculty and to develop strategies to recruit and retain underrepresented groups to the faculty.

The second ad-hoc committee is the Status of Women (Chair, Judy Gentry; jfg2194@louisiana.edu). This committee reports on issues related to female students and faculty/staff across campus.
UL Lafayette
Quick Facts:
• UL has almost 600 continuing faculty and more than 100 adjunct or part-time faculty members
• Total fall 2012 enrollment was 16,687, including 15,143 undergrads and 1,544 graduate students
• Of the fall 2012 Student Body, 57% are female and 43% are male
• UL had 624 international students for the fall 2012 semester
• 422 students were enrolled in online programs in Spring 2013

UL Lafayette
In the Spotlight

Committee Spotlight
Curriculum Committee

The UL Lafayette Curriculum Committee, chaired by Kay Riedel (College of Education) is one of the busiest committees on campus!

The purpose of the Curriculum Committee is to encourage the orderly growth of the course offerings and new curricula of the University by examining all facets of proposed change in offerings and recommending to the administration only those changes which the committee feels reflect the needs of the students and society.

From May to September of 2012, the Curriculum Committee approved over 150 course changes!

Thanks to Kay Riedel and the members of her committee (Kay Riedel, Tom Wilson, Susan Richard, Margot Hasha, Rakesh Bajpai, Ashok Kumar, and Jeff Lush) for their continued commitment to this monumental task!

Pooled Sick Leave—Update

The Faculty Senate has been working with Human Resources Staff to implement a Pooled Sick Leave policy for UL Lafayette employees. Our efforts are ongoing to provide this policy as soon as possible. More details to come!

Faculty Senate
Constitution Revisions

In February and March 2013, the Faculty Senate undertook the laborious task of updating the Faculty Senate Constitution so as to reflect current practices and changes around the University (i.e. updated names of Colleges, additional committees that report to the Senate, etc.). While these were not substantive changes, they were very much needed to provide the Senate with a “current” Constitution from which to operate.

Thanks to our very patient, helpful, and eagle-eyed Senators, we are proud to present our update Constitution. You can find it at:

http://www.louisiana.edu/Faculty/Senate/Constitution/constitution.html

**IF APPROVED! THIS UPDATE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION IS NOT APPROVED!**
Senate Website—New and Improved!

Jeff Lush, Faculty Senate Webmaster has done a superb job redesigning and reformatting the Faculty Senate Website (check it out at: http://www.louisiana.edu/Faculty/Senate/)

The new website contains all needed information regarding upcoming meetings, UL System updates, Senate committee listings, faculty resources and more!

Official meeting documents and upcoming meeting dates/time/location are on the main page. Faculty will also find links to Louisiana Board of Regents news, as well as UL System news.

Take a moment to look at the new website. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact Jeff Lush at: jefflush@louisiana.edu

Senate Sponsored Pool Party

The Faculty Senate sponsored a faculty/staff Pool Party and Night at the Softball game on Wednesday, April 17th. Participants enjoyed hot dogs and soft drinks around the Bourgeois Hall pool at the Student Aquatic Center. Then, the group was invited to attend the UL Softball game at no cost! Everyone enjoyed a superb evening under the stars.

Special thanks to Sodexho for sponsoring the food at the pool party. In addition, many thanks to Dave Suter, Wayne Harper and Cheryl Meaux of the Rec Sports staff who assisted in the logistics of the pool party. Finally, thanks to UL Athletic Director Scott Farmer for providing free tickets to the softball game for all faculty and staff and Mary Diana Bradley for assisting with the softball logistics. Geaux Cajuns!
The Faculty Senate meets almost monthly during the academic year. All faculty are invited to attend although only Senate members may vote on issues.

Before each meeting, the Faculty Senate sponsors an informal “rap session” between faculty and one or more administrators during which questions are answered and University business is discussed.

The Constitution of the Faculty Senate is available on-line at the Faculty Senate web page:

http://www.louisiana.edu/Faculty/Senate/

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings
Rap Session 3:30
Senate Meeting 4:00
(Moody 103)
♦ Wednesday, September 18, 2013
♦ Wednesday, October 16, 2013
♦ Wednesday, November 20, 2013

2013-2014 Town Hall Series

The Faculty Senate is planning to facilitate a series of four Town Hall meetings during the 2013-14 Academic Year. There will be two Town Halls scheduled during the fall 2013 semester, and two additional Town Halls in the spring 2014 semester.

The purpose of the Town Hall format is to engage all faculty and staff in issues that currently affect our campus. One goal is to encourage participation and broader understanding of current issues and how we as faculty and staff can help improve our campus community.

If you have suggestions for Town Hall topics, please contact Robert McKinney at mckinney@louisiana.edu