



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Room A-126 or Zoom**

Senators Present: Angela Greaud, Kathleen Warner, Laurie Seeder, Gloria Parrino, Summer Ford, Rob Jones, Leonor Gonzales, Rachelle Brown, Lisa LaFleur, Bridget Thibodeaux, Mike Wyble, David Ashbury, Kina Sweet, Mary-Kate Cooligan (proxy for Cassie Jobe-Ganucheau – library)

Senators Absent: Elizabeth Vidrine

Administrative Council Representative: Paul Fowler

Staff Senate Representative: (no one)

Student Government Association Representative: Gabriel Fontenot

Administration: Nancee Sorenson, John Hamlin

Guests: Kaitlyn Owen, Brandon Borril, Maura Cavell, Samantha Jones

I. Roll Call

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm on Monday, September 9, 2024, by Gloria Parrino, Secretary of Faculty Senate.

II. Adoption of Minutes

Rob Jones moved to accept the minutes of both sets of minutes from April 29, 2024. Laurie Seeder seconded the motion.

III. Chairperson's Reports

A. Dr. Nancee Sorenson informed the senate that there will be a call this afternoon with the LSU System to make a decision early about closing for what is to be Hurricane Francine. There was a system budget presentation in which the system budget is \$3.765 billion. Fifteen percent comes from the legislature and the rest is self-generated coming from tuition, grants, and private contracts. The STEAM project is a budget priority for the system for 2025-26 fiscal year. The way that LSUE will be handling the lost in revenue from the sales tax expiring will be by not hiring empty positions and other efficiencies that we can work out. Good news is that revenue from student credit hours is up this year. We are still working on getting raises for faculty and staff. LSUE made a commitment of \$50,000 for professional development from ACUE in which 29 faculty members are participating.

Dr. John Hamlin reported that as of Sunday (Sept 8), we were 2 students over last year's numbers and 700 credit hours. He asked that faculty help with response to the upcoming hurricane with what has to be put on generators and cleaning out refrigerators in case of power outage. He thanked Rob Jones for

his leadership with the ACUE training.

Dr. Sorenson followed up that there is a meeting this afternoon to discuss Simple Syllabus as a possibility for LSUE.

Dr. Paul Fowler deferred to Dr. Hamlin with regards to PS 46. There have been changes for the laboratory classes, but the policy is still being edited and is not yet out for review.

- B. Gabriel Fontenot, SGA president, stated that SGA is working on senator elections. The deadline was this week but will have to move for the storm. Student media is off to a good start. SGA is hoping to revise the Bayou Bengal to be back next semester – probably won't be printed, but as text or some other media. They would like to keep the legacy of the name Bayou Bengal since it started when campus started.
- C. There was no report from Faculty Senate Chair/Vice Chair.
- D. Mary-Kate Cooligan (proxy) represented the library and indicated nothing to report, just getting the semester kicked off.

Angela Greaud made a motion to adjourn this meeting to allow for a closed meeting to elect new chair and vice-chair. Laurie Seeder seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

Special Closed Meeting

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Gloria Parrino, Secretary, opened the meeting at 12:31 pm.

Motions were taken for nominees for Chair of Faculty Senate. Rachelle Brown was elected new Chair for Academic Year 2024-25.

Motions were taken for nominees for Vice-Chair of Faculty Senate. Dr. Rob Jones was elected new Vice-Chair for Academic Year 2024-25.

A Parliamentarian will be appointed by the Chairperson.

Laurie Seeder motioned to close the meeting. It was seconded by Rob Jones. The meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm. The next meeting will be at noon on September 23.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Parrino, Secretary of Faculty Senate