



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

10 am, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

Minutes of the Aug 21, 2023 Meeting

- I. Call to Order:** Bazayev called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Bazayev noted that the agenda had a typo that the FSEC meeting starts at 2 pm, but the public notice was correct.

II. Roll Call

Present: Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Parampreet Singh (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Mandi Lopez (Past President)

III. Public Comments: none

IV. FSEC Minutes Approval from 16 August 2023: Ringelman moved to approve. Passed unanimously.

V. President's Updates:

- SACSCOC accreditation: Senior Vice Provost Cassidy will make a brief presentation in the first Faculty Senate meeting.
- Provost Haggerty has asked Bazayev and Tirone to explore offering AI literacy classes for under-graduates. Committee members discussed that the faculty members need to be on-board, issues with credit hour requirements, departments which will act as the host of these courses and the involved administrative process.
- Vice Provost for Academic Programs Bach discussed with Bazayev and Tirone the Provost's committee on AI to address various AI related inquiries. The committee would also have staff members to discuss how AI can be used to make some of the administrative enquiries more efficient.
- Bazayev has received documents from AAUP to lift censures on LSU. Has informed Provost Haggerty about this process who was very receptive of the role of Faculty Senate is playing in this important matter.

- Bazayev and Tirone discussed with Provost Haggerty issues relating to faculty compensation including policies affecting families.
- LSU's Honors College has requested Bazayev if Faculty Senate can advertise Honors courses. The deadline is Sep 4th to submit proposals for new courses. FSEC advocated Bazayev to mention this in the President's report in the first Faculty Senate meeting of the semester.
- Singh would be drafting "What every faculty should know" which will be included in the Broadcast email to faculty each month.
- Due to his time constraints President Tate will be unable to attend the first Faculty Senate meeting. The committee recommended that we present President Tate an open invitation for future meetings.
- Bazayev plans to discuss with President Tate whether various matters currently handled by the Enrollment Management, such as course evaluation, course scheduling and Center for Freshman Year can be transferred to the academic affairs.
- Bazayev informed Provost Haggerty about the resolution for instructor salaries in HSS. Provost Haggerty mentioned to Bazayev and Tirone that HSS instructors have got \$2500 salary increase this year. This was because of an additional 400K allocated for instructor raises in HSS.

VI. Unfinished Business

- **Faculty Senate Committees Archival Page:** Tirone led the discussion on how we can handle pages for prior committees which are no longer functional. Cobb mentioned that we can create a link on the senate webpage which will provide access to relevant files from prior committees.

Tirone moved to table the discussion on ASH committee at a later in the meeting. Passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

- **Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda:** There will be a presentation by Senior Vice Provost Cassidy on SACSCOC accreditation. This presentation will be prior to the presentation by Brandon Common and Jonathan Sanders in the Student Accountability Office. Ringelman moved to approve the agenda of the first Faculty Senate meeting with this amendment. Passed unanimously.
- **Graduate Student Health Insurance:** Ringelman mentioned that the information available on the website is quite comprehensive. Singh mentioned three issues: (i) students must go through Student Health Center for any referral, (ii) getting waivers is quite difficult, and (iii) fellows are not offered health insurance. Tirone expressed concerns on whether the Student Health Center is equipped to handle 1500 grad students and dependents, and whether it would be open on weekends.

- **Committee on Committees:** Tirone discussed that the charge of this committee needs to be clarified. Tirone moved to amend the charge as “To Identify faculty members willing to serve on Faculty Senate committees and forward their names to executive committee for appointment and election.” Passed unanimously.

Tirone moved to take off the table the discussion on ASH committee in the unfinished business. Passed unanimously.

- **ASH committee:** Cathleen Williams (chair) has informed Bazayev about two upcoming vacancies and asked whether a representative from Veterinary Medicine is needed on this committee. FSEC expressed concerns on why Veterinary Medicine is not bringing proposals to the ASH committee. Bazayev would reach out to the Office of Academic Affairs for more information.
- **Internationalization Committee:** Dan Holstein (chair) wrote to Bazayev inability of getting a quorum to elect a chair and whether an interim chair can be elected by FSEC. Tirone moved that Holstein be approved as interim chair till the new chair is elected. Passed unanimously. FSEC recommended the Internationalization Committee to make efforts to satisfy quorum requirements and ensure a fair election of the chair at the earliest.
- **Tiger Trails:** Due to lack of sufficient demand LSU Parking and Transportation office had earlier curtailed the Garden District Tiger Trails. Graduate students affected by this decision approached Faculty Senate. Bazayev discussed the issue with the Director of Parking and Transportation Services who has reinstated the service.
- **Archival Best Practices:** Tirone mentioned that some senators have been asking about past records of the senate and discussed potential best practices. Cobb will investigate how this can be achieved and the way old senate material can be archived as hard copies.

Tirone moved to suspend the rules and add the topic of Faculty Health and Safety Committee. Passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

- **Faculty Health and Safety Committee:** Tirone mentioned that Jeffery Roland (chair) has expressed concerns about the rise of COVID variants. Singh mentioned that the rise is rapid, and LSU needs to be prepared for all eventualities. FSEC members shared similar concerns and requested Bazayev to reach out to the Office of Academic Affairs for further guidance and alleviate any impact on teaching by any potentially new wave of COVID cases.

VIII. Adjournment

Kazuschyk moved to adjourn at 11:28 am. Passed unanimously.