

**LSUS FACULTY SENATE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 15, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Zoom**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 11:02**

**II. PRESENT:** Senator McLemore, Senator Gifford, Senator Cassie Williams, Senator Garcie, Senator Salvatore, Senator Zhao, Senator Shepherd, Senator Mikaberidze, Senator Saleh, Senator Rubin, Senator Coehoorn , Senator Zaidi, Senator Bible. **ABSENT:** Senator Kim, Senator Felice Williams, Senator White

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of the November 9, 2022, faculty senate meeting: A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the November 9, 2022, Faculty Senate Meeting. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved.

B. Minutes of the November 30, 2022, Special Meeting: Senator Salvatore asked to comment on the minutes of the November 30, 2022, Special Meeting. His comments pertained to faculty senate procedures and alleged violations of procedures. Senator Cassie Williams moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2022, meeting. Senator Coehoorn seconded that motion; the minutes were approved.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Garcie reflected on the fall semester. He thanked everyone and encouraged everyone to help rebuild a sense of community in departments and programs, noting changes resulting from the pandemic

**V. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

A. Chancellor: Chancellor Clark commented on the weather closure this week. He announced that the state is trying to address disparity of pay, especially for classified staff. LSUS must follow the state mandated changes and must come up with funding on our campus. This increase will not affect faculty. Associate Vice Chancellor Wolfe explained the process and emphasized that it affects only classified staff. Chancellor Clark complimented faculty on grades being turned in by the time the campus closed early on Wednesday. The provost recognized the Registrar's office staff for staying to get all grades recorded despite the storm. Chancellor Clark opened the floor to questions. Senator Salvatore asked about a faculty senate meeting to be held later, in the afternoon. Chancellor Clark corrected himself. The meeting in the afternoon will be a staff senate meeting not a faculty senate meeting. Senator Salvatore commented critically about LSU's General Counsel. An exchange regarding Faculty Research and Development Committee procedure ensued. Chancellor Clark noted that the discussion was not specifically related to the agenda. President Garcie then asked for clarification that pay raises would affect only classified employees. Chancellor Clark reiterated that that was the case. Senator Salvatore asked if the chancellor had made a motion to prevent him from speaking. No such motion had been made. Senator Salvatore then commented on the special meeting held November 30, reasserting his complaints regarding the Faculty Research and Development Committee. President Garcie called for a return to the agenda for the current meeting; however, the exchange between the chancellor and Senator Salvatore continued with the provost joining in to protest accusations made against

administration by Senator Salvatore. President Garcie intervened to direct discussion back to the meeting agenda.

B. Provost: Provost Taylor thanked everyone for getting grades in on time. She reminded everyone of graduation on December 16. She announced that the spring semester kickoff will be January 5. Dean's search for the College of Business is being formed, chaired by Dean Szarvas. The hope is that a permanent dean for the College of Business will be named by early January. There is no report on the chancellor search, but the provost hopes there will be more information forthcoming and will update the senate. She said she would like the faculty senate to update the faculty handbook in the spring, particularly language on Moodle use. Dr. Burden added that an extra row of seating for faculty had to be added for graduation. Provost Taylor thanked the faculty for turning out in such numbers for the event.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. President Garcie noted that an amendment to the Faculty Senate By-Laws had been proposed to add wording to Article V, Sec. 3, making the Secretary responsible for sending the official copy of meeting agendas, minutes, and committee reports to University Archives for permanent retention. Discussion followed. Wording will be forthcoming at the next meeting. Chancellor Clark agreed that we need to work on records campus wide. Dean Sherman noted that in addition to the University Archives the library is working on an Institutional Repository that would provide an option for storing and accessing the Faculty Senate documents. Senator McLemore observed that there is a state mandate to retain an official copy in the University's Archives but agreed that there are several options for making Faculty Senate records accessible.

B. President Garcie brought another suggested amendment to the Faculty Senate By-Laws to add wording to Article VIII, Sec. 7, requiring the chairs of all standing and ad hoc committees of the faculty senate to submit a written summary report to the Faculty Senate President each academic year detailing major decisions of the committee for that year. He noted that there needed to be some official record of committee activity from year to year, even when no actions were taken. Reports are supposed to be made at Faculty Council meetings already.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Garcie asked for any further comments on what was discussed in the meeting. There were none. President Garcie urged everyone to attend graduation. There being no further business, Senator Gifford moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Salvatore interjected to take issue with the way discussion by non-senators was handled in the meeting. President Garcie responded that in one case, the speaker had asked permission to speak on a particular agenda item and was granted permission. In the other case, the speaker, who had not been recognized, spontaneously attempted to comment on a discussion that was not on the agenda. Senator Gifford repeated the motion to adjourn; Senator Cassie Williams seconded. President Garcie called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLemore, Secretary