

**LSUS FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Monday, February 14, 2022
Zoom**

I CALL TO ORDER 11:02

II. PRESENT – Allen Garcie, Felice Williams, Harvey Rubin, Minsun Kim, Laura McLemore, Lee Purvis, Cory Coehoorn, Aadel Darrat, Cheryl White, Doug Bible, Roger Zhao, Syed Zaidi.
ABSENT: Cassandra Williams, Alex Mikaberidze, Matyas Buzgo, Brian Salvatore.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- Cory Coehoorn moved to approve the minutes, Cheryl White seconded. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended to add Lee Purvis as present at the last meeting.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT--Commented on JROTC event on Friday. Allen Garcie commented on the JROTC event. He said it was great to see all the kids on campus and thanked everyone who put the event together.

V. ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS

a. Chancellor—Dr. Clark noted that LSUA&M has dropped their mask mandate. He has consulted our Pandemic Action Team (PAT), but he will not change the mask policy for LSUS right now. He observed that people on the Baton Rouge campus have not adhered to policy very well. LSUA is going to leave it to faculty to decide about classroom policy. That seems problematic for enforcement. The pandemic is getting better but it is not over. We still had four employees who were positive and seven or eight students who tested positive last week. We are keeping our mask policy in place and continue to monitor the situation. There were no questions from the senators.

Next week, Dr. Clark will be in Baton Rouge with Barbie Cannon and Julie Lessiter for a retreat. He will meet with President Tate to inquire about LSU online and commitments that were made in that regard, enrollment outside of LSU Online, and HR 150. We are still in the process of providing information to the legislature. He mentioned Keena Franklin’s *Shreveport Rising* play, which will be shown at 10:00 am in the University Center on February 24. The play takes up the history of the Civil Rights movement in Shreveport. The playwright and producer will be here. Dr. Russell LeDet, a black physician from New Orleans, will be here on February 23 for a private reception with black doctors in Shreveport and Bossier. He will also be speaking at a luncheon on February 24. Attendance at the luncheon will be limited because of COVID. Some local high school students have been invited to attend.

b. Provost—The Board of Regents has changed the process for new programs. The process used to be onerous. Now requests for new programs go straight to the program proposal. The Courses and Curricula manual will have to be changed to reflect this change. The proposed Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science letter of intent was bounced back because the Board of Regents had not told us about the change. The faculty in that college put the information in the letter of intent on a proposal form and provided additional information. It has now been resent. A working group is looking at an undergraduate interdisciplinary degree in data science, bio-informatics and machine learning. Urska Cvek and Amanda Lewis are leading a faculty group working on that. Dr. Taylor has a meeting tomorrow afternoon with Allied Health faculty at LSUHSC about an MOU for undergraduate programs there. She is pleased with collaborations with LSUHSCS. The goal is for LSUS to be the feeder school for Bachelor of

Science programs there. Tenure and promotion packets have gone down to LSU, but the FPR forms are not standardized, so she is working on that. Academic Awards will be April 20. April will be a busy month. She thanked coordinators of the JROTC event. Allen Garcie expressed concern about the lack of clarity in what expectations must be met for tenure and promotion. The Provost responded that they are working on "Faculty Success" software that will allow all the information to be collected in one place. Various forms can then be aligned. Allen said he thought this was especially important for new faculty so they know exactly what they are working toward.

Allen Garcie commented with regard to mask mandates that having consistency here is important to keep the policy in place.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISION

The final revisions of the Faculty Senate by-laws and Faculty Senate and Faculty Council Constitution were submitted to the Senate for approval. The Faculty Council will meet Monday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. and Monday, April 18, to formally approve these revisions. Doug Bible moved to accept the proposed revisions; Laura McLemore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 90/10 ON SITE/ONLINE RATIO The Provost explained that this ratio came out of what is going on at LSUA&M. It would apply only to undergraduate face-to-face programs. She explained that LSUS must schedule classes to allow students a straight path to their degree. If students sign up for face-to-face programs, that pathway must be face-to-face. It has happened, especially since COVID, that the only section of a class that some students needed to graduate was offered online. How we offer classes must take in a number of factors. Allen Garcie said his concern has always been for giving students what they need. He was concerned that some students really need online offerings. He observed that flexibility is important. Larry Clark said LSU has made this 90/10 ratio their total enrollment goal. He said Alexander had said they would do one-to-one onsite/online student ratio. They are now backing down. LSU is no longer committed to what Alexander said. It was never part of their strategic plan. The LSUA&M faculty preferred to be face-to-face. Cory Coehoorn asked if 90/10 onsite/online was correct? Allen Garcie asked what it meant for further development of online courses? The Provost said 90/10 was a guideline to get to what is best for the student, because some students found courses they needed were only offered online. If 90 percent were offered face-to-face and ten percent were offered online, the students would have a choice. Allen Garcie asked what that means for scheduling. The Provost said the face-to-face programs were creeping online. This was not about abandoning online programs but to prevent face-to-face courses from moving online. Scott Hardwick wanted to know what the impact would be on LSU Online. Dr. Clark wants to talk to President Tate about it. He would like to see LSUS take over the LSU Online program. He thinks LSUA&M hasn't thought about how they're going to handle it. Allen Garcie said LSU was going to focus on first-time freshmen, but he is worried about how this would affect the interest of non-traditional students who have often been our bread and butter. Helen Taylor said if we have multiple sections, some should be face-to-face, some online, some evening. If it's advertised as a face-to-face program, most of the sections should be face-to-face. It is a discussion chairs need to have with their faculty.

VIII. OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS—Lee Purvis asked about graduation dates. Graduation will be Friday, May 13, and there will be two ceremonies again at the Brookshires arena. The Provost said faculty should attend at least one ceremony. She pleaded for faculty to attend for the sake of students and their parents. Allen Garcie agreed that it is good to be reminded that it is about the students. Cory

Coehoorn said the doors of the Human Performance lab were open and invited anyone who wants to see it to come over. Allen Garcie observed that there were lots of exciting spaces on campus and encouraged faculty to bring students over to some of them. Changes of venue get students more excited about learning. Cory said he was anxious to work with faculty. Allen reiterated that the Faculty Senate is anxious to address the concerns of faculty so feel free to reach out to Senate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLemore, Secretary