

**LSUS FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
11:00 A.M.
Cyber Collaboratory and Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER 11:03 A.M.

II. PRESENT: Senator Cassie Williams, Senator McLemore, Senator Felice Williams, Senator Mikaberidze, Senator Shepherd, Senator Saleh, Senator Coehoorn, Senator Garcie, Senator Bible, Senator Kim, Senator Zaidi

ABSENT: Senator Rubin, Senator Gifford, Senator White, Senator Salvatore, Senator Zhao

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Garcie thanked all who participated in the RROTC program. He announced formation of an AI committee and encouraged faculty to volunteer. He reported that the faculty handbook will be reviewed and updated by the Instruction and Professional Development Committee.

V. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Chancellor: Chancellor Clark reported that enrollment of 8,442 and that numbers are stable and slightly above a year ago although he noted that undergraduate enrollment is slightly lower than previous years which is a concern. He commended LSUS coaches for recruiting, sports, and academic success. A discussion of basketball and plans for end of season festivities followed. Chancellor Clark reported on Board of Supervisors and Board of Regents meetings. He noted that LSUS' thirty and ninety-day plans must be reported back to the Board of Supervisors. LSUS is working on several initiatives to boost student retention. At an upcoming conference, Chancellor Clark will report on plans to support faculty. He discussed plans for remodeling the swimming pool in the HPE building into an area to support classes and recreational spaces. In response to a question about whether the drop in undergraduates was a national trend, Chancellor Clark said it was more a concern for regional universities than others. He noted that LSU A&M freshman recruiting has risen after going to open admissions. He stated that students pursuing degrees are down; students pursuing badges and certificates are more in demand. He noted the diminishing value of degrees. Discussion ensued.

Provost: Provost Taylor introduced the issue of the steam situation. Chancellor Clark reported for the director of Facility Services that the area where steam was escaping was blocked off until the system is replaced. Plans have been made to evacuate buildings if power goes out. The Director of Facility Services arrived and reported on emergency preparedness. Provost Taylor announced that Mary Lois White will be the next dean of the School of Business. She thanked the search committee. Provost Taylor then reported on the Meauxmentum Summit and work on the Board of Regents master plan to increase post-high school credentials. She reviewed the five committees set up on this campus and reported briefly on the work of these committees. She offered to provide details upon individual request. She fielded a question about implications of dual enrollment and a question about relations

between high school and university. She confirmed that the Dual Enrollment committee is addressing that. She reviewed adjustments to courses to make them more accessible, and answered a question concerning where we stand in terms of development of certificate programs.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS: Additions to the Faculty Senate By-laws Art. V Sec. 3 and Art. VIII, Sec. 7. A motion to approve the additions was seconded, and the motion passed. The additions will be presented to the faculty council for approval.

VII. OBSERVATIONS & CONCERNS: President Garcie announced that lunch will be provided at faculty senate meetings in the future. He mentioned the tailgate party for homecoming. The faculty senate meeting venue was discussed, and it was decided that the faculty senate meetings would be held in the Webster Room of the University Center starting next month. There was an announcement about the Student Scholars Forum on Friday on Friday, February 17.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLemore, Secretary