

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Monday, October 5, 3:00 PM

By Zoom

Present: Doug Bible, Laura McLemore, Harvey Rubin, Brian Salvatore, Cory Coehoorn, Helen Wise, Kevin Jones, Minsun Kim, Qinsong Zhao, Sayed Zaidi, Matyas Buzgo, Adel Darrat, Russ Perry, Allen Garcie, Lee Purvis.

I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. **Approval of minutes:** There being no corrections, the minutes of the September 2020 meeting were approved as read.

III. **President's report:** Doug Bible reported that he had attended the September planning council meeting at which additional information on the Science building was presented. He also learned that the center fountains will be replaced with electronic fountains as the original fountains cannot be repaired. More projects may be completed by December. Doug noted that more online training information will be provided during the meeting. Also on the agenda is information from the U.S. Department of Education regarding first amendment rights and LSUS policy. He has referred that to the Policy and Personnel committee. He mentioned an article about refinancing bonds to save money since interest rates are very low, but rates on our recently issued bonds are so low, they probably won't be affected. He reported a request from faculty or a way to have more input into university budget and expenditures, especially for money that is spent in the spring.

IV. **ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

- a. *Chancellor* – Dr. Clark brought up the possibility of a budget planning committee, which was discussed in the Planning Council but never materialized. He wants to renew discussion and have representatives of deans, faculty and staff senates and Student Government Association on a Budget Planning Committee, chaired by the Provost. This committee would look at budget priorities. This would be an advisory group for Planning Council. An exception would be in the case of emergency repairs. For example, we were not expecting to have to do major repair in the Technology building, but there is a problem that will cost \$600,000 to correct. That will have to be resolved now; it cannot be something for a Budget Planning Committee.
- b. *Vice-Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives*—Julie Lessiter reported that we're over 10,000 students, but we have not yet dealt with those who are dropped for non-payment. Nevertheless, this number is a milestone. She thanked Bill Wolfe and his PAT team. Testing on-campus for COVID is available near the old Red River Radio building for students only. Friday mornings there will be community testing by LSUHSC at Pioneer Heritage Center. She thanked faculty for working to abide by CDC expectations. She reported that we have three new cases, one of them staff, which brings LSUS to twenty-three cases to date. She reported that AP2 enrollment she

doesn't have yet. There will be a lot of adding and dropping and after the census date, firm information will be sent out. She is working on the SACSCOC report.

- c. *Assoc. Vice-Chancellor for HR and Purchasing*: Bill Wolfe noted instructions about how to get appointments for COVID testing. The pod will give saliva tests with about a thirty-six hour turn around. The twenty-three cases do not include those who are quarantined but have not tested positive. He mentioned a new video about life at LSU under COVID. He emphasized how important it is for students to clean their common areas.

Doug Bible mentioned drive-thru flu shots which will be available where Red River Radio is now. That will be available October 13, 2020 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Dr. Clark mentioned guests on campus this week. Mario Chavez, Caddo Commission President, and others were participating in interviews Kenna Franklin was doing on diversity and inclusion; Rick Gallo, Grambling State University president, came to discuss collaboration; the new associate general counsel at LSUHSC, Carranza Pryor, also visited.

- d. *Provost*: Helen Taylor reported on campus projects. Micah Murphy has been doing Moodle training one-on-one. Rhonda Failey thinks face-to-face is needed for training on some subjects such as gradebook. She and Micah have updated the instructional resource center on Moodle. Helen pointed out that many questions can be answered that way and it should be the first step. She reported that ITS has been working on sound in Science Lecture Auditorium. Headsets will be distributed to help with voice issues in classrooms. She noted that the Leadership team is looking at the deans' priority lists for hiring for 2021-22 this week. She will be looking at accommodation requests later in the week. She noted that she is trying to make a decision about student evaluations. She asked for input from the Faculty Senate as to whether those should be done on-line or paper? Doug Bible responded that he would be inclined toward the online version. Helen noted that the response to online is often not as good a face-to-face. Some discussion followed.

- e. *Vice Chancellor Business Affairs*: Barbie Cannon reported that she had been speaking with a company to help get high-speed internet up and running at the Pilots Pointe apartments. The coffee shop in the Library, STACKS, had a soft opening today. She is trying to slow down on new projects to give Facilities Services a break. The Education Resource Center in the Business and Education Building expects a November finish date. The Health and Physical Education Building exercise science lab is moving ahead. The student advisory suite and boardroom on the first floor of the Business and Education Building is on schedule. Rooms on the first floor of Bronson Hall will be ready for spring. The Soccer Building is under construction, and the baseball locker room began today. The Center for Digital Humanities in Bronson Hall will be done in about three weeks. The Fab Lab in the Science Building is moving forward, and Student Services will be moving to the library. Additional smaller projects are going on behind the scenes. Doug Bible asked about future plans for

apartments. Barbie said the focus is on LSUS student occupancy. Further prioritizing will come later.

V. Continuing Business

Science Building Update: Dr. Clark reported that this week a robot camera was put in the ductwork to see what is in the ducts. Initial reports were that there was no mold colony. AC coils had clogage which causes condensation that can cause a moisture/mold problem. Facility Services will clean them. He hired a consultant on ductwork. He will come here from California and analyze camera work so problem areas can be looked at. Duct work will then be cleaned. Dr. Clark hopes to have a report at the next planning council meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Online training and additional resources were covered under Provost's report.
- b. Kevin Jones reported on election of new senator Lee Purvis to replace Kevin.

VIII. Observations and concerns

Doug urged people to participate in planning council and HR meetings and to direct questions through the Faculty Senate.

Scott Hardwick is doing training tomorrow and Wednesday for people who do class scheduling on campus. Some devices have been put into classrooms that will be better for recording than Kaltura. Hopefully, all of those will be rolled out by the end of October.

IX. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLemore
Secretary