

LSUS Faculty Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

I. Call to Order: 11:02 am

II. Present: Cassandra Williams, Laura McLemore, Rebecca Bogie, Alex Mikaberidze, Helen Wise, Michael Meeks, Minsun Kim, Binshan Lin, Allen Garcie, Elizabeth Zippi, Tim Shaughnessy, Rogers Martin, Heather Carpenter, Rebecca?, Syed Zaidi, Amin Saleh, Helen Taylor, Gary Joiner, Brian Sherman, Stephan Patterson, Angie Pellerin, Abigail McCoy, Amy Erickson, Matyas Buzgo, Katherine Wickstrom, Kacie Blalock, Mary Lois White, Leah Widmeyer, Robert Miciotto, Jessica Hawkes, Ryland Johnson, Dalila Salazar, Kay Stebbins, Sarah Mazur, Phillip Martin

III. Approval of minutes: Senator Cassandra Williams moved to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2023, faculty senate meeting; Gary Joiner seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Administrator reports:

Chancellor: Chancellor Clark asked for questions in lieu of a report. Senator Garcie asked when President Tate would announce the new chancellor? Chancellor Clark did not know. Senator Garcie thanked the Chancellor for his service to the university. Chancellor Clark thanked the faculty for their support.

Provost: Provost Taylor reminded everyone that graduation is May 12 and emphasized the importance of faculty attendance. She announced that our three-year plan would be submitted by Monday. She thanked the faculty for all they do. She then yielded the floor to Assoc. Chancellor Wise to report on Meauxmentum academic committees: First Year Experience; Dual Enrollment; General Education; Retention Committee, and Freshman Seminar Committee.

III. Committee reports:

AI Committee conducted faculty a survey regarding ChatGPT, which is an appendix to the report. George Siemens, an expert on this subject, presented a zoom talk about the challenges; a link to the recording is in the committee report. Committee member discussion involved the need to explain to faculty and provide information regarding student misuse. The report will provide suggestions and strategies. It is only information and suggestions. **Recommendations:** All faculty should read the report in full. Deans and department chairs encourage faculty to explore use of ChatGPT; faculty should be given flexibility in how they allow use and should be mindful of how it can inhibit learning; clearly state in the syllabus expectations for how AI can be used; AI should not be used as a basis for grading. The committee recommends not relying on Turnitin because it can miss AI text and mistakenly identify human text as AI. Definitions of plagiarism should be provided.

Professional development opportunities for faculty and students should be provided. Other recommendations include the use of Microsoft Teams to share information and stay up to date, incorporation of ChatGPT information in freshman seminar, and that the University make advanced AI available to all faculty.

Student Affairs: no report

Admissions & Standards: Reported no appeals. The committee observed that the appeal process is not well known; the committee may be bypassed. The committee was asked by Helen Wise to recommend the distinction between graduate and undergraduate faculty loads.

Courses & Curriculum: no report

Faculty Research & Development: The committee chair reported awards of faculty research grants in fall 2022, awards for faculty research grant and outstanding faculty awards in spring 2023, and new secretary and chair starting in fall 2023. Dr. Lin thanked the administration for the funding and the committee for its hard work.

Instruction & Professional Development: Chairperson Heather Carpenter reported on recommendations for updates to faculty handbook regarding syllabus, Moodle, and student code of conduct. The committee met four times and submitted recommendations on March 6. It conducted a survey on faculty needs for instruction and will go over responses in early fall.

Library Committee: The Library committee met at the end of spring semester. The plagiarism handbook is in development. The goal was to create something with local focus that students would not be charged for. It is an interactive e-textbook. A needs assessment survey for faculty and students will deploy in the fall. Library strategic planning will match up with university strategic planning. The institutional repository in development is a forward-facing platform to help showcase faculty research. The committee is exploring ideas for open house in the fall.

Policy and Personnel: no report

University Hearing Panel: no report

IV. **Continuing Business:** Approval of revisions to Faculty Senate/Council Constitution and Faculty Senate By-laws. There was a discussion about Committee Membership. Changes to **Art. 5, Sec. 3; Art. 8 Sec. 7, and Art. 9, Sec. 3** of the bylaws were approved. **Art. 7, Sec. 3** of the Constitution was approved. Faculty Council was reminded of Dr. Joiner's book signing and Prof. Robert Mann's book signing in Noel Library on May 23.

V. **Adjournment:** 12:46 pm

