

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Rm 2-91, Ad.Min. ULM Campus
12:30-1:35 p.m.

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Senators Present: M. Bontty, D. Hare, A. Hill, C. Hutto, M. Lowe, M. Matusiak, L. Nichelson , S. Owens, M. Parker, L. Reid, D. Rhorer, C. Steckline, H. Wilson.

Senators Absent: D. Chandler*, Y. Dupre*, J. Feldhaus*, A. Case Hanks, C. Johnson, S. Jois*, K. Kervin*, J. Taylor, B. Walker*.

Handouts available: Agenda, Minutes last meeting, University House Project floorplan/blueprint, Draft of Governance Committee's Model.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, at 12:33 p.m.
Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.
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less expensive. Senator Rhorer suggested staffing support in the form of a Senate based Hospitality Committee.

E. Conference Committee with the Deans occurred Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, with Deans LeMoine, Cass, and Ryman, and Senators Rhorer, Steckline, and Reid present. Issues for Nursing were identified.

F. Smoking Committee, formulated by President Cofer in response to the FS resolution to make ULM a smoke-free campus, worked last Spring to formulate suggestions for the enactment of this policy. Anna Hill, as FS representative, and chair of this committee indicated that public awareness and education processes regarding the policy are slated to be rolled out over the next two weeks, and that this is the focus of the next quarterly safety meetings required by all departments and all colleges.

Unfinished Business:

1. The College of Education is down a senator—should actively recruit replacement Senator for Jack Palmer. Check your Departments for willingness and availability to serve and nominate at next meeting.

2. All FS Committee Chairs were asked to e-mail President Rhorer.

New Business:

A. Faculty Welfare Committee was charged with determining Faculty workload policy. Efforts toward this end exist from assorted University efforts—from Colleges, from the Provost appointed “Policies and Procedures” Committee chaired by Dr. Bob Cage, in 2005-2006. Discussion focused on range of issues surrounding this charge: class sizes, role of student contact hours, online classes, 8 week on-line classes, labs, teaching resources, committee work...The discussion produced perceived examples of curriculum changes that have been made without moving up through the curriculum committee, without faculty education, and with challenges to academic freedom. The Executive Board was charged with bringing these issues up in their next meeting with the Provost and Deans.

B. President Rhorer was charged with conveying to SGA President, that Senator Reid will be the FS representative for SGA’s considerations of STAP funding. Former Senator, John Sutherlin serves as advisor to SGA, a relationship SGA enjoys, but it is the will of the Senate to have a current Senator involved, though reports from SGA President to the FS will be scheduled. President Rhorer’s charge includes time-table details on SGA’s Blackboard mandate, as this impacts faculty wrangling with the Moodle/Blackboard shift.

C. Fiscal Affairs Committee was charged with formulating a report on holdings affecting faculty such as state retirement and ORP accounts.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: October 23, 2008 12:30-2:00, in Admin. 2-91. Depending on issues discussed at Executive Board meeting, this meeting may be cancelled, to be determined with Senators to be notified on October 21 by e-mail.

Reminder of Meeting with President Cofer: November 11, 2008 3:00 in Admin. 2-91.

Last Meeting of Semester: November 20, 2008 12:30 in Admin. 2-91.]

Respectfully submitted,

C. Turner Steckline, Faculty Senate Secretary

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