

Nicholls State University Faculty Senate
July 12, 2005, 1:30 P.M.
Plantation Suite, Bollinger Memorial Student Union
Official Minutes

1. **Roll Call:**

Senators present: Laura Badeaux, Carol Britt, Jon Doucet, Ross Jahnke, Cindy Lamberty, Paul Leslie, Lois Nelson, Martin Simpson, Lindon Stall, Betty Kleen, Chuck Viosca, Rick McKnight, Dale Norris, Susan Roark, Gary Rosenthal, Angele, Davis, Rebecca Lyons, Anne Parr, Gerard White, Susan Gilbert, Alice Saltzman, Van Viator

Senators absent: Rick Duet, Randy Ryker, Benny Zachry, Rodney Hodges, Marie Sheley

Meeting called to order with quorum at 1:33 pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes of May 4, 2005 meeting stand approved

3. **President's Remarks, Dr. Stephen Hulbert**

- A. Discussed the need to look at the confidentiality of student records for those students who have graduated.
- B. Discussed considering an institutional policy on email. Email has become the primary means of communication of memorandums from both on and off-campus.
- C. Discussed the close of the Legislative Session
- Higher Education got caught up in the cigarette tax. No funding for legislative "un-funded" mandates.
 - Administration reviewing placing a hold on replacement of current open positions.
 - The President's Cabinet will have decisions to make next week on balancing the budget / building a budget.
 - Need for the development of parameter on how the budgets across the UL System are developed. Needs to be equality across the system.

4. **VPAA/Provost Report, Dr. Carroll Falcon**

- A. Handouts:
- Falcon 1 – Review for Programs not Listed as "Mandatory" by Board of Regents that are Seeking Initial or Reaffirmation of Existing Accreditation [one page]
- B. Discussed Fall Institute in August
- Topics may include (Dr. Falcon asked for any additional topics from the faculty)
 1. Critical Thinking
 2. QEP Update
 3. Service Learning
 4. SACS Update
 5. University Branding Topic
 6. Disruptions in the classroom

- C. Discussed special Committee on Appointments and Assignments
 - Need for the study of confidentiality of student records (committee will make a report)
 1. Concern of information getting out to people outside of NSU campus.
 2. Questioned the need for duplication of student records within the campus.
 3. Questioned the need for tracking who accesses student records.
 - Distance Learning
 1. Questioned the process of dropping a web based course.
 - UL System review of student and faculty appeals
 1. Discussed the right of the appellant to question people on committee.
 - Recommendation that every committee be a standing committee.
 - Established University Assessment Committee, Laynie Pizzolatto will chair
- D. Discussed revising dual admittance with Fletcher Community College
 - Interagency Agreement with Fletcher for developmental courses. Fletcher can employ NSU faculty to teach course on NSU campus.
- E. Discussed the criteria for review of programs not listed as “Mandatory” by Board of Regents that are seeking initial accreditation or reaffirmation of existing accreditation.
 - Department Heads will be asked to provide justification for accreditation of non-mandatory program(s). (see Handout – Falcon 1)

5. **V.P. of Student Affairs, Dr. Eugene Dial**

- A. Handouts:
 - Dial 1 – Historical Orientation Attendance (2 pages)
- B. Admission update for fall:
 - Fall class will not be as large as last year
 - Average ACT scores did increase
 - Allowed 325 exceptions to Admission Policy
 - Had 301 students accept academic scholarships
- C. University College worked with Admissions Office to create Learning Communities to provide networking between UC and majors.
- D. Freshman Institute – Faculty are asked to attend in full regalia.
- E. Resurfacing of parking lots will begin this year. Faculty is asked to have patience as there will be parking problems during this process.
- F. Cafeteria and Student Union Renovations to begin this year.
 - Student Union plans to develop 12 computer stations for student’s use.
- G. Student Affairs is looking at offering workshops on classroom environment.
- H. The move from using SS# to using an assigned ID# will begin with 2005 Freshman Class.

6. Senate Officer Reports

- A. President, Susan Roark
 - Discussed that Faculty Welfare needs to look at Policy and Procedures to determine under what circumstances does the Senate need to revisit items for the agenda.
 - L. Badeaux stated that Roberts Rules allows for this
- B. Vice President, Carol Britt
 - No report.
- C. Parliamentarian, Laura Badeaux
 - No report.

7. Senate Standing Committee Reports

- No report.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Honors Program
 - J. Doucet: Motion to move the tabled discussion on the Honors Program from the May 4, 2005 meeting off-the-table, Second
 - a. Vote: unanimous approval
 - J. Doucet: Motion to move Honors Program to University College, Second
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Vote: unanimous approval
- B. Art History option as a History elective
 - Discussion held
 - a. P. Gabilando presented three handouts
 - i. General Education at Nicholls State University
(Gabilando 1 – 3 pages)
 - ii. Background of Humanities Requirement Revision
(Gabilando 2 – 4 pages)
 - iii. Humanities Requirements around the State
(Gabilando 3 – 1 page)
 - P. Leslie: Motion to resend the approval of allowing Art History to count as a History elective, Second
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. M. Simpson called to Question, no objections
 - c. Vote: Aye – 14, Nay – 4, motion passed
 - P. Leslie: Motion to allow Art and Art Education majors the option of using Art 280, 281, or 282 to meet the Humanities requirement in place of Hist. 101-102, 105-106, or 150-151, Second
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Vote: unanimous approval

9. New Business

- A. Installation of new Senator
 - Senator V. Viator gave oath

- B. Courses and Curriculum – Betty Elfert submitted C&C Summer 2005 Report (Elfert 1 - 3 pages)
 - P. Leslie: Motion to accept Summer 2005 Report, Second
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Vote: unanimous approval
 - C. L. Badeaux: Motion to put History 255-256 in Humanities option requirements in place of Western Civilization or World History Options
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Vote: unanimous approval
 - D. P. Gabilando: Motion to allow 3 hours of philosophy be allowed to take the place of Literature elective.
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Vote: Aye – 14, Nay – 1, motion passed
10. **Motion to Adjourn:** P. Leslie
- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.