Faculty Senate Meeting
October 19, 2011

Roll Call:

Present:

Absent:
Monica Larousse, Lisa Lauer, Lois Nelson, Brigett Scott, Kent White

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

• John Lajaunie moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting with the suggested corrections.
• The motion was seconded by Luke Cashen.
• Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION REMARKS:

Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President

Student Leadership

• Dr. Hulbert reported that he had recently attended a large gathering of student leaders on campus.
• This included students from academic, athletic, religious, fraternity/sorority, and student government groups.
• The quality of students from these various areas was very impressive.
• The discussions that took place were thoughtful and intelligent.
• It is evidence of the high quality of leadership we have in the students on our campus.

Budget

• Dr. Hulbert reported that $1.4 million, left to us by Administration, has been spent on new equipment.
• The new simulation machines in the Nursing Department were a part of this.
• Part of the funding came from the governor not taking his cut of the funds.
• A large part of it came from grants written by faculty.
• Another significant part came from benefits at Nicholls, such as the Steinway Piano and Music Program.
• Governor Jindal is supportive of giving Nicholls the remainder of the money for the John Folse Culinary Institute.
• On another note, every university president in the state has said that we are in a quiet lull during election time. We have heard very little discussion about where the state really is in its revenues.
• After the election, we may begin to hear the second shoe drop. This will probably play out in November, December, and January.

Dr. L. Barrilleaux, Academic Vice-President
• Dr. Barrilleaux commended Dr. Keri Turner for her work on GEAC. She also commended Dr. Patricia Gabilondo who led the committee in the early years when the objectives were created.
• She reminded faculty that Dr. Turner has sent out a survey which must be completed by teachers across campus, but especially the teachers of Gen.Ed. courses. Department Heads and Deans will remind faculty that this needs to be done.
• Members of the Nursing and English Departments will go to Baton Rouge to discuss the graduate programs proposed for those departments.
• We will also have to make a strong case for our Continuing Education Department.
• Dr. Hulbert reminded the faculty that we must have more Master’s Degrees offered to protect ourselves.

Mr. L. Howell, Asst. Provost
• Dr. Howell explained that there must be 10 Master’s Degrees in different SIP codes. We are shooting to protect our current standing.
• Dr. Howell had nothing else to add at this time.

Dr. Stephen Michot, Faculty Senate President
• The FAC has not met. The committee will meet on the Thursday after the Board meets.
• The Search Committee for Executive Vice-President has narrowed the field of applicants to four. The interviews will be conducted by phone.
• Dr. Michot thanked Dee Richard for visiting the Faculty Senate last year and has asked him to come again.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Compensation Committee
Melissa Goldsmith
- Our primary goal is to prioritize and examine equity adjustments for faculty and staff. There is an issue with pay raises.
- 15% of SREB—some faculty will be here if we continue on the present course.

Larry Howell
- Equity will go to the least equitable first. Some faculty are way under the salary for their rank and position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Distance Education
Dr. Andy Simoncelli
- A Hybrid Course is defined as a course that is taught 50%-90% online.
- An Online Course is a course that is taught 100% online
- The above definitions match the Grad Act definition.
- Because an online course must be 100% online, students should be given the option to take the exam at a proctored site if they cannot come to campus for the exam.
- Dr. Gary Rosenthal asked what an instructor should do if he wants to teach an online course but wants to give the mid-term and final on campus. Dr. Simoncelli responded that a course with this requirement would be taught as a Hybrid Course unless the students are given the option to take the exams at a proctored site.
- Brian Heck moved to approve the Distance Education Policies and Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Committee on Copyrights and Patents
(formerly the Intellectual Property Committee)
- Dr. Barrilleaux will forward the list of committee members to the Faculty Senate when she receives the list from Lois Nelson. Dr. Barrilleaux will have two appointments.

Faculty Handbook
Dr. Michot
• Policy and Procedure Manual updates must be monitored by the Senate.
• Melissa Goldsmith volunteered to monitor the updates.
• Brian Heck moved to appoint Melissa Goldsmith. John LaJaunie seconded the motion.
• Dr. Barrilleaux pointed out that the connection has been lost between the Faculty Welfare Committee and the other committees that make changes.
• The Senate will report to Dr. Barrilleaux and the Faculty Welfare Committee

**CAFE Proposal Redesign**

• Dr. Lori Soule explained that there are three different levels of certification within the redesign. Each level has its own requirements.
• Teaching Awards were listed.
• Dr. Allan Alexander has asked for approval of this Proposal Redesign.
• Dr. Keri Turner moved to accept the CAFÉ Proposal Redesign.
• Dr. Brian Heck seconded the motion.
• John LaJaunie and Luke Cashen opposed the motion. Randy Tyker abstained.
• The motion to accept the CAFÉ Proposal Redesign passed.

8. **Adjournment:**

• Dr. John LaJaunie moved to adjourn.
• Motion was seconded by Luke Cashen
• Motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM