

# NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Faculty Senate Meeting** October 19, 2011

### **Roll Call:**

#### **Present:**

Wendy Adams, Luke Cashen, Brian Heck, Michael Jeffress, John Lajaunie, Jeremy Landry, Shari Lawrence, Becky LeBlanc, Richard Mathis, Stephen Michot, Denise Mitchell, Dale Norris, Gaither Pope, Falaji Ramachandran, Gary Rosenthal, Randy Ryker, Tanya Schreiber, David Schulz, Andrew Simoncelli, Lori Soule, Anke Tonn, Keri Turner, Ianna West

#### **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