**Faculty Senate/Association Meeting Minutes**

Nicholls State University

April 1, 2015

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| **Roll Call** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Arts and Sciences |  | Business Administration |  | Nursing and Allied Health |
| X | Richmond Eustis-Corresponding Secretary | X | Luke Cashen | A | Angele Davis |
| X | Michael Jeffress | X | John Lajaunie – Committee on Committees | X | Amanda Eymard |
| X | Stephen Michot | X | William Neese | X | Donna Fitzgerald-DeJean |
| X | Gaither Pope | X | Randy Ryker | X | Brigett Scott – President |
| X | Balaji Ramachandran |  | Education |  | University College |
| X | David Schultz | A | Angelle Hebert | X | Ray Giguette |
| X | Andy Simoncelli | A | Dale Norris | X | Milton Saidu – Parliamentarian |
| X | David Whitney | X | Kimberly Reynolds – Vice President | X | Amy Hebert |
| A | Shana Walton | X | Gary Rosenthal |  | Ellender Library |
| A | Ianna West |  |  | X | Hayley Johnson - Recording Secretary |
| A | Matthew Gamel |  |  | X | Sarah Simms |
|  |  |  | A = absent x = present |

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| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | RECOMMENDATION/ACTION |

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| 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 | Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM. | Roll taken. Quorum present. (Sign in sheet attached) |
| 1. Approval of meeting minutes:
	1. March 2015 minutes
 | Discussion regarding minutes approval.  | Stephen Michot motioned that we accept the March 2015 minutes as presented. Michael Jeffress seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. |
| 1. Guest Speaker
 | Rep. Dee Richard addressed the Faculty Senate. Rep. Richard spoke on the spending problem that he felt we have in Louisiana and stated that a new stream of income was needed in higher education. Rep. Richard discussed bills that he was bringing forward this session to reform the budget. He took questions from senators.  |  |
| 1. Administration Remarks
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| * 1. Bruce Murphy - President
 | * Dr. Murphy discussed the presentation he has been giving covering facts and myths in the higher education budget. Discussed the Governor’s budget and the two protected areas: infrastructure & state police. He noted that our buildings are state property and our campus police are state employees.
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| * 1. Dr. Todd Keller
 | * Dr. Keller discussed early advising.
* The Provost search was discussed. There are 5 candidates to be interviewed. 3 will be invited to campus with public interviews and will have the provost seated by July 1st.
* Dr. Keller also mentioned TOPS legislation and the proposal that TOPS will be set at a baseline amount to be paid across institutions. Suggested that clarifications would need to be made.
* The 5 day class schedule was discussed. He noted that the exception should be made as we rank lowest in the ULS System in building and classroom use.
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| 4. Officer Reports |  |  |
| a. President – Brigett Scott | * There will be a statewide higher ed demonstration at the Capitol on April 15th. There will likely be a large amount of students going as SGA is paying for 3 buses to get students to the event.
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| 5. Committee Reports |  |  |
| Committee on Committees – John Lajaunie | On March 19th, 3 recommendations for edits to the Policy & Procedure Manual were sent out.  | Andy Simoncelli motioned to accept the recommendations as presented. Stephen Michot seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.  |
| Institutional Review Board – Raj Boopathy |  Nothing to report.  |  |
| Research Council – Tanya Schreiber | Hayley Johnson presented on Tanya’s behalf. The application for the 15/16 cycle was April 1st. In both 14/15 and 13/14, $25,000 was awarded. |  |
| 6. Old Business |  |  |
| a. 50 min vs. 55 min courses – Michael Jeffress  | Changing to 50 min would extend the semester by a week. Kelly Rodrigue could make suggestions on how to cut so that the week extension could be avoided.  | Issue was considered dead.  |
|  b. Fall 2015 Schedule Issues – John Lajaunie | . | Will address this issue when the new provost is hired.  |
| c. GEAC Coordinator – Brigett Scott  | Brigett talked to Todd Keller about the progress of the creation of the position. Certain things had yet to happen to complete the process. Dr. Keller was asked to make those requests again to have the position processed.  |  |
| D Sustainability Committee – Andy Simoncelli | Creation of the committee was discussed. The suggestion that this would fit with the work of the social and community concerns committee was discussed and will be looked into.  |  |
| 7. New Business |  |  |
| a. QEP – Ross Janke | Ross presented both the QEP White Paper and the SAM student logo options for feedback from the senate.  |  |
| b. Invitation to Athletic Director – Michael Jeffress  | The new football schedule was released and there are seven away games. Proposed that we invite the athletic director to come to the senate to address this. Andrew Kearney, the Asst. Athletic Director, was in attendance and spoke on the issue.  |  |
| c. Nicholls Online Policies & Procedures | Distributed to senate to share with constituents and get feedback.  |  |
| 8. Other Business |  |  |
|  | Stephen Michot addressed the contract from book buy-backs and the percentages that were distributed and what colleges raised with books. Suggested that the President could address this with the appropriate administration. |  |

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM (John Lajaunie –motioned to adjourn; seconded by Stephen Michot; unanimous vote to adjourn)