**Faculty Senate/Association Meeting Minutes**

Nicholls State University

March 4, 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 | X | Angelle Hebert | A | 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. January 2015 minutes | Discussion regarding minutes approval. | Gary Rosenthal motioned that we accept the January 2015 minutes as presented. Luke Cashen seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. |
| 1. Guest Speaker | Sen. Norby Chabert addressed the Faculty Senate. Sen. Chabert serves as the Vice-Chair of Senate Finance Committee. He stated that it was too early in the legislative process to have any definitive answers in regards to what will happen. Instead, he asked for questions. |  |
| 1. Administration Remarks |  |  |
| * 1. Bruce Murphy - President | * Dr. Murphy stressed that Louisiana needs more graduates and any cut to higher education would mean less graduates. The over 238,000 people in public higher education need to make sure their voices are heard. Stressed that increasing enrollment is the only way for Nicholls to be successful * Also congratulated faculty for their accomplishments. Nicholls faculty now includes a Fulbright Scholar. The Nursing program rates above average on the Louisiana and national boards. Business also passed accreditation with no recommendations. |  |
| * 1. Dr. Todd Keller | * Dr. Keller brought forth an issue of changing the number of hours a student is allowed to register for within the catalog. Students can register for 18 credit hours during regular semester and 22 hours total with permission from the dean as long as they have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. * Dr. Keller also addressed questions about the five day class week. |  |
| 4. Officer Reports |  |  |
|  | None |  |
| 5. Committee Reports |  |  |
| GEAC – Keri Turner | Keri asked Brigett to bring up adding the Coordinator of GEAC as an ex-officio member. | This will be discussed with Dr. Keller and further information will be presented at the next meeting. |
| Academic Appeals – Amy Hebert | Amy updated Senate on appeals. There is no guideline or policy which limits the number of suspension appeals that a student may have. She was unable to find another university which provided a limit. |  |
| 6. Old Business |  |  |
| a. Sustainability Committee – Andrew Simoncelli | Committee makeup was discussed. | Tabled until next meeting. Andy Simoncelli will look into how to form the committee. |
| b. Standardized College Voting Procedure – John Lajaunie | John is looking into standardizing the elections. This could possibly be done electronically. |  |
| c. Academic Calendar – Brigett Scott | Brigett met with Kelly and Alex to discuss the issue of not having enough time between the last exam and when final grades are due. They were unable to work out a resolution for the 15/16 calendar but they will bring forward scenarios for the 16/17 calendar. |  |
| 7. New Business |  |  |
| a. Request to return to 50 minutes courses if going to MWF schedule | A request to return to the 50 minutes class schedule was put before the Senate. It was discussed that another week would have to be added to the semester. | Brigett will pursue issue with Kelly Rodrigue and Dr. Keller to determine other issues that the change may create. Ex. Tues/Thurs class times |
| b. Fall 2015 schedule issues—John Lajaunie |  | Tabled. |
| c. Athletic Academics—Kimberly Reynolds | Kimberly discussed implementing progress reports for student athletes. There is a 35% compliance rate. The progress reports are meant to help be proactive with student athlete eligibility. |  |
| d. Sick Leave Policy—Brigett Scott | This policy is only for 12 month and unclassified employees. There is no law prohibiting the conversion of time but a formal request must be made. |  |
| 8. Other Business |  |  |
|  | It was requested that the attachment Dr. Keller sent out regarding the new class schedule be revisited at the next meeting. |  |

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM (John Lajaunie –motioned to adjourn; seconded by Richmond Eustis; unanimous vote to adjourn)