**Faculty Senate/Association Meeting Minutes**

Nicholls State University

May 6, 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 | X | Ray Giguette |
| X | Andy Simoncelli | A | Dale Norris | A | Milton Saidu – Parliamentarian |
| X | David Whitney | X | Kimberly Reynolds – Vice President | X | Amy Hebert |
| A | Shana Walton | X | Gary Rosenthal |  | Ellender Library |
| X | Ianna West |  |  | X | Hayley Johnson - Recording Secretary |
| X | 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 3:01 PM. | Roll taken. Quorum present. (Sign in sheet attached) |
| 1. Approval of meeting minutes:
	1. April 2015 minutes
 | Discussion regarding minutes approval.  | Gaither Pope motioned that we accept the April 2015 minutes as presented. Sarah Simms seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. |
| 1. Administration Remarks
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| * 1. Bruce Murphy - President
 | * Thanked the faculty for their service.
* Discussed the budget. Has continued to give presentations to educate community groups and legislators. There is still no answer on the budget situation and will likely be into June before we have answers. Dr. Murphy stressed that the sustainability of Nicholls rests on the ability to grow enrollment. This could be done through the growth of online programs and use of venture philanthropy. Dr. Murphy’s philosophy has three key points. 1. Protect the integrity of the university. 2. Protect the people within the university. 3. Enhance all of our programs.
* He also answered various questions posed by Faculty Senators.
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| * 1. Dr. Todd Keller
 | * Dr. Keller discussed the Provost search. Three candidates would have on-campus interviews.
* Addressed the text book buy-back within the colleges.
* Issue about hooding being removed from the upcoming graduation ceremony was brought before the Senate. Dr. Keller said that he would look into the issue.
 | Gary Rosenthal motioned to continue with the tradition of hooding the specialist students. Amanda Eymard seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved.  |
| 4. Officer Reports |  |  |
| a. President – Brigett Scott | * Discussed the University’s Emergency Plan.
* Announced that there would be a Nicholls Day at the State Capitol on Thursday.
* The university now has Qualtrics.
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| B Stephen Michot | * Attend the April 23rd UL System Board Meeting. Discussed budget cuts and how different universities may be coping. Emergency Crisis Guidelines are being developed that would be utilized to assist in making decisions.
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| 5. Committee Reports |  |  |
| University Library – John Bourgeois | Committee report presented by Sarah Simms on behalf of John Bourgeois. The Friends of the Library program will be resumed. The committee is also looking into displays and beautification that can be done in the library.  |  |
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| 6. Old Business |  |  |
| a. Nicholls Online Policy Update – Andy Simoncelli | It was decided that it would be best to hold off on the policy until the Provost begins on July 1.  | Andy Simoncelli motioned to table the policy until after the new provost begins. John Lajaunie seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved. |
| 7. New Business |  |  |
| A Digitized Promotion & Tenure Files – Sarah Simms | Sarah Simms would like to investigate the possibility of moving our tenure documentation process to a digital format.  |  |
| B Carpool List – Sarah Simms | Some faculty are interested in starting a voluntary carpool list that could possibly be housed on the V drive. |  |
| C Dorm Closures During Semester – Richmond Eustis | Issue with students having to clean out their dorms at the same time as final exams. | Brigett will talk to Student Housing about his issue. |
| D College Athletics Bill – Kimberly Reynolds | Faculty Senate is being asked to support the bill. Kimberly will attend a conference and obtain more information to report back to the Senate. |  |
| E Reassessment of Faculty Senate Representation – John Lajaunie | Senate representation will be examined based on the number of faculty members in each electing unit. Page 46 of the Policy & Procedure Manual contains information on senate representation. |  |
| 8. Other Business |  |  |
| Swearing in of new Senators | Scott Banville (A&S), Paul Watts (A&S), Greg Stall (ED), and Gerard White (NAH) were sworn in as Senators. |  |
| Office Elections | Elections were held after nominations were obtained.  | Election Results:President – Brigett Scott (NAH)Vice President – Kimberly Reynolds (ED)Recording Secretary - Hayley Johnson (Library)Corresponding Secretary – Sarah Simms (Library)Parliamentarian – Milton Saidu (UC) |

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM (John Lajaunie –motioned to adjourn; Luke Cashen seconded the motion; unanimous vote to adjourn)