**Faculty Senate/Association Meeting Minutes**

Nicholls State University

November , 2013

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| **Roll Call** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Arts and Sciences |  | Business Administration |  | Nursing and Allied Health |
| X | Richmond Eustis | X | Luke Cashen | X | Angele Davis |
| X | Brian Heck – Vice President | X | John Lajaunie – Committee on Committees | X | Amanda Eymard |
| X | Michael Jeffress | X | Randy Ryker  | A | Donna Fitzgerald-DeJean |
| X | Stephan Michot - President | X | William Neese | X | Brigett Scott – Recording Secretary |
| X | Gaither Pope |  | Education |  | University College |
| A | Balaji Ramachandran | A | Dale Norris | X | Ray Giguette |
| X | David Schultz | X | Kimberly Reynolds - Parliamentarian | X | Milton Saidu |
| X | Andy Simoncelli | A | Angelle Hebert | X | Lori Soule |
| X | Duane Smith | X | Gary Rosenthal |  | Ellender Library |
| A | Shana Walton |  |  | X | Hayley Johnson |
| A | Ianna West |  |  | X | Anke Tonn – Corresponding Secretary |
|  |  |  | 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. October 9, 2013 minutes
 | Discussion regarding minutes approval.  | William Neese motioned that we accept the Oct 2013 minutes as presented. Gary Rosenthal seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. |
| 1. Administration Remarks
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| * 1. Laynie Barrilleaux - VPAA
 | * GER student learning outcomes are under review. The faculty has been asked to give feedback through department heads.
* The library is currently being directed by three library faculty members (Anke, Van, and Clif). An email has been sent to faculty explaining how to communicate with the trio of directors.
* NESSE findings have been presented to the Academic Council. NSU students are more dissatisfied than other system schools. Ex. Sophomores and Juniors with lack of advising
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| * 1. Larry Howell – Interim President
 | * Dr. Murphy was recently on campus for a transition workshop. Beginning strategic planning. He will be back the week of December 16th.
* Budget – no dates available for over collection funds to be released.
* Budget Committee – has been brought to executive committee. Committee felt that the 3 VP’s shouldn’t be on the committee. They added 3 other positions to the committee make-up. Still has 17 people total with 15 voting members.
* Appointment letters will hopefully be sent mid-Spring.
* Sabbaticals – have been partially funded in the past but current budget conditions have limited funding ability.
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| 4. Committee Reports |  |  |
| a. GEAC Committee Keri Turner presented. | ENGL 264 has been removed from the list of writing intensive courses and GEOM 409 has been approved as a Humanities elective. Discussion ensued regarding the GEOM course. There was a mixture of agreement and disagreement with the GEAC decision.  |  |
| b. Committee on CommitteesJohn Lajaunie presented. | The committee has sent out requests for elections in the colleges for the budget committee positions.  |  |
| 5. Old Business |  |  |
| a. 2014-2015 Calendar UpdateGaither Pope presented.  | Faculty Institute date changed to August 13th in response to Dr. Fitzgerald-Dejean’s request to the calendar committee.  | Gaither Pope moved to approve the calendar, Brian Heck seconded. A vote was called. Duane Smith – abstained. The senate voted to approve the calendar. |
| b. Budget Committee John Lajaunie presented. | The restructured University Budget committee (as presented by Larry Howell) was discussed. The faculty senate feels that more discussion with administration is needed on the restructure of the budget committee. | John Lajaunie moved to table the committee restructure. Richmond Eustis seconded. Vote was called. 1 opposed, no abstentions, motion approved.  |
| c. Faculty Salary ConcernsMichael Jeffress presented. | Michael Jeffress motioned that the faculty senate adopt the resolution which was presented at the last meeting. It has been reworded to incorporate some of the suggestions he received from Faculty Senate members. Duane Smith seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion and document ensued. Brian Heck moved and Richmond Eustis seconded a motion to alter the resolution to say “report to faculty welfare.” | Vote was called on amendment to the resolution:Yes: 20 faculty senatorsNo: 0 faculty senatorsAbstain: 0 faculty senatorsVote was called on approval of the resolution:Yes: 18 faculty senatorsNo: 2 faculty senatorsAbstain: 0 faculty senators |
| 6. New Business |  |  |
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| 7. Other Business |  |  |
|  | None |  |
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Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM (Amanda Eymard –motioned to adjourn; seconded by John Lajaunie; unanimous vote to adjourn)