



Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes: November 8, 2023

Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Welcome Center

I. Call to Order

Sen. Craft 3:30pm

II. Guest Speaker: Claire Procopio, Dean College of Honors & Excellence

Chat with Roomie - AI driven “Roomie” will text students on 4 basic areas (financial, belonging, mental health, academic success). The student can respond to the text and will be given information and routed to the place they need.

Will begin on Wednesday, 11/15/23. Academic advisors of students may contact faculty. All undergraduate students will be targeted. This is a tool for retention of students and providing assistance to students.

Students were provided information in a “Take Note” email and told they can reach out to ace@southeastern.edu.

III. Roll Call

Absent Senators: Alford, Bankens, Brooks, Campo, Dardis, Dutsch, Genre, Graves, Hornsby, Horzelski, Kabza, Kirker, Lenoir, Massawe, Molina, K. Morgan, Schillage-Truxillo, Settembrino, Smith, Soysal, Uzoaru, Varnado, Walters, Wicker

IV. Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2023

Motion to approve Sen. Gratton, by seconded Sen. Cannon, unanimously approved

V. Old Business:

- A. Update from Academic Committee on resolution relative to faculty intellectual property (Sen. Le Guyader). The committee has not yet met, but will likely provide a resolution and make suggestions for the faculty on protection of intellectual property. Sen. Le Guyader discussed the need to identify the target for a resolution and also provided suggestions for faculty to protect their individual intellectual property. An update to the intellectual property policy may be needed. The committee asks for feedback from faculty concerning intellectual property, including how faculty has been harmed by the loss of intellectual property.

B. Update from Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee on resolution relative to non-reappointment of tenure-track faculty
No report this month

VI. New Business:

A. Amendment to Senate bylaws on rounding calculation for representation on Faculty Senate (Sen. Cannon)
Senate Bylaws state to round up faculty numbers to calculate how many senators sit on the senate. Propose formula to follow traditional rounding rules. For example 1-14 faculty members would be represented by 1 senator, 15-24 faculty members would be represented by 2 senators, etc.
Motion to open floor for discussion Sen. Gratton, seconded by Sen. Riddle, and passed unanimously.
Discussion included the benefit of more senators vs less senators. Smaller departments may not benefit and/or be harmed by less representation. A suggestion was 2 senators for all departments as opposed to the number based on the number of faculty.
Call to question by Sen. Burns, seconded by Sen. Johnson, and passed unanimously.
Move to send to Constitution and Bylaws committee Sen. Cannon, seconded by Sen. Burns, and passed unanimously.

B. Elimination of Fall Break and increase in Thanksgiving holiday break (Sen. Genre)
Suggestion to eliminate the fall break in order to have a one week Thanksgiving break. The two days would need to be made-up within the calendar. SGA will also need to be included in the discussion/approval process.
Motion to open floor for discussion Sen. Billingsly, seconded by Sen. Riddle, and passed unanimously.
Senators discussed liking the fall break and not preferring the change, but others supported the change.
Motion all to question by Sen. Johnson, seconded by Sen. Riddle, and passed unanimously.
Motion to send to Faculty Welfare Committee by Sen. Burns, seconded by Sen. Johnson, and passed unanimously.

VII. Announcements:

A. Faculty regalia announcement (Sen. Le Guyader)
Sen. Le Guyader provided a copy of an email concerning the cost of regalia rental.

- B. Information relative to move from Moodle to Canvas (Sen. Le Guyader)
Discussion of replacement of Panopto. Do we need a new video platform? A committee was formed and decided yes.
- C. University committees (Sen. Cannon)
Reminder of vacancies for university committees. Email will be sent.
- D. Presidential Investiture Reminders (Sen. Craft)
Reminder of dates and RSVP is open through November 10th.
- E. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Honorees (Sen. Craft)

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Sen. Johnson, seconded by Sen. Cicale, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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