



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2024

Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Welcome Center

I. Call to Order

Sen. Craft 3:30pm

II. Guest Speaker: Chief Michael Beckner, Southeastern Police Department

All SELU are officers and graduate from police academy with a large majority also being SELU graduates.

- Take a police “education” stance but can and do enforce if needed.
- 50% crime reduction on campus over the past 2 years; with crime increasing surrounding communities.

Theft is the major crime infraction on campus with mental health coming in second. SELU PD endorses the use of the LINK system already in place.

SELU PD recommended and invited faculty to download and use the free Lion Safe app.

- Since employing use of the app, PD has seen an increase in the average number of PD safe escort requests from 75 in person to 700 in app.
- The app also comes equipped with a “mobile blue light” feature, allowing users to indicate an unsafe situation without having to stand by a traditional blue light podium. The app drops a pin and sends the location in real time to the PD officers responding to your call for assistance, enabling users to find or flee alternative or secure locations.

There is a typical 1–2-minute response time to an incident and filed over 200K calls a semester. PD requests participation in active assault trainings hosted throughout semesters, as valuable and life saving information can be gained through participation.

Suggest if not all departmental faculty and staff attend that an ambassador is sent who can report back what they learned to their colleagues. Change in Cleary Report updates; typically sent out covering the previous year but now to be sent out every 6 mos. And the reports only cover Class 1 offenses, as well as drug, alcohol, and gun violations.

Questions:

1. Do we have a problem on campus regarding hate crimes?
 - a. Graffiti
 - b. Increase in reports when preachers are present on campus.
2. Does SELU PD respond to health-related emergency calls? And does PD carry



Narcan.

- a. PD does respond to these calls.
- b. PD has received an 18K grant to update AED in squad cars and place around campus. As of right now there will be 9 to be placed in high volume places also outfitted with Narcan and Stop the Blood kits. The Chief/department plans on actively pursuing additional funding to cover the cost needed to outfit all buildings on campus with new and up-to-date lifesaving equipment including Narcan and Stop the Blood kits.

III. Roll Call

Absent Senators: Brooks, Cicale, Dardis, Graves, Horzelski, Massawe, Molina, Pereyra, Riddle, Soysal, Traver, Uzoaru, Varnado, Wyld, Zeidan

IV. Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2023 meeting

Minutes from Nov Senate meeting approved with no changes or abstentions.

V. Old Business:

1. Report from Faculty Wellness Committee on Elimination of Fall Break (Sen. Shockett)
Elimination of fall break to increase thanksgiving break: Subcommittee reports the proposal to poll faculty to hear response. After opening the floor to discussion. Senate voted to return and survey departments regarding their flexibility and need for alternative school breaks i.e. Mardi gras; thanksgiving; April 18th; beginning two days earlier; ending two days later; etc.
2. Report from Academic Committee on Faculty Work Product protection (Sen. LeGuyader)
The Subcommittee still has been unable to meet to work out Academic integrity, copyright, and originality safeguards for Faculty work; however, Senator who chairs the committee to partner with the CFE to construct a tutorial regarding safe or product protection for their original works.
 - Senator asks for senators to ask departments and colleagues to submit data to support academic integrity infringements to move forward to calling together a committee to meet.
 - Subcommittee has been unable to meet



3. Report from Constitution & Bylaws Committee on Faculty Senate departmental allotment (Sen. Schillage-Truxillo)
Work is ongoing.

VI. New Business:

1. Creation of Online System for Academic Dishonesty Reporting (Sen. Genre)
Streamlining or “updating” plagiarism reporting process was brought to the floor and opened for discussion, particularly in light of AI.
The Senate voted to bring comments and concerns regarding this matter to Senate subcommittee.
2. Other new business

VII. Announcements:

1. University committees (Sen. Cannon)
Committee Vacancies to be announced; call for nominations forthcoming from.
2. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Student Honorees (Sen. Craft)
Dr. Christy Montgomery to speak at next meeting.
3. Next Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for Spring 2024 semester (Sen. Craft)
Meeting tentatively scheduled for 1st Wed of the Month from 3:30- until at the Alumni Center.
Next Meeting: March 13th, 2024.
Final Meeting: May 1st, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
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