



## **Faculty Senate Meeting**

### **Minutes: Apr 17, 2024**

### **Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Welcome Center**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Pres. Craft 3:30pm

Move to change order of agenda, Sen. Genre, seconded Sen. Burns, Unanimous vote

#### **II. Guest Speakers:**

- A. Dr. William Wainwright, President of Southeastern Louisiana University
  - 1. Faculty salary compression - Will be examined by administration.
  - 2. Legislative update - Bill to change from  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the legislature to change tuition, fee, cost, etc. to allow for easier request.
  - Bill for deferred maintenance (backlogged maintenance needs at SELU is \$63 million) costs to be covered differently.
  - Bill to restructure economic development for LA. Campus facility project costs were readjusted based
  - DEI bills - Reporting on programs and projects that cover DEI. Bills modeled from other states' bills.
  - Library bill - exemption for academic libraries.
  - Constitutional convention for state constitution changes.
- 3. Workday implementation - Registration has started.
- 4. FAFSA - U.S. Dept of Ed redesigned financial aid process and it is delayed.
- 5. Canvas - transition
- 6. Transparency in campus safety - The Chief's Brief
- 7. Mane Dish will be renovated over the summer.
- 8. Transparency in finance - Communication concerning financial status will come through deans and dept heads
- 9. Housing - increase in housing applications.
- 10. Communication with students and the use of tech - Ask Roomie text services going to students. Will present data in upcoming semester.
- 11. QEP council met to discuss 2023 annual report. Report includes looking beyond the traditional high school to university student body. Institution will focus on transfer students.

12. Questions -

- a) Who is the delegation that reps at the legislature? Greater Northshore Delegation  
[https://house.louisiana.gov/H\\_Reps/H\\_Reps\\_Deleg\\_NSLD](https://house.louisiana.gov/H_Reps/H_Reps_Deleg_NSLD) will show community reps. What is their role?
- b) Constitutional convention - what can they do? Will higher ed be constitutionally protected? Protections will be sought in the process.
- c) Windfall Elimination Prevention (WEP) is on the radar to follow.
- d) Will university stay a safe zone and not allow weapons? Yes.
- e) Where do we sit financially? Federal gov't gave money during COVID to offset enrollment losses. That funding is no longer being received. Institution is progressing upward, but there is still a gap. Enrollment is up, but student credit hour generation also needs to be analyzed. "Laser focused" on enterprise opportunities because we will not enroll our way out of budget issues.
- f) Any changes to student recruitment beyond the region? Yes, the reach is increasing.

III. Roll Call

Absent senators: Brooks, Campo, Downing, Fluker, Gratton, Graves, Hornsby, Horzelski, Kabza, Kunow, Molina, Riddle, Settoon, Sommerfeld, Traver, Uzoaru, Varnado, Wicker, Wyld

IV. Election of Officers for Academic Year 2024-2025

Motion to open the floor for nominations. Opened. Call to question.

Slate vote for all positions.

Open the floor for nominations. Opened. Call to question.

President - Bruce Craft

Vice President - Chris Genre

Parliamentarian - Sarah Schillage-Truxillo

Recording Secretary - Coleen Cicale

Membership Secretary - Alan Cannon

Member-At-Large - Jason Kirker

Member-At-Large - Kristina VanDusen

V. Approval of the Minutes from February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024 meetings

February minutes. Move to approve minutes. Unanimously approved.

March minutes. Move to approve minutes. Unanimously approved.

VI. Old Business

A. Report from Academic Committee on Faculty Work Product protection (Sen. LeGuyader)

Committee met. Will present draft of resolution at May meeting.

- B. Report from Academic Committee on creation of online academic dishonesty reporting form (Sen. LeGuyader)  
Conditions to move forward with automation do not currently exist at the university. The issue has been tabled and will not be moving forward.  
Surveyed - Students - 100% of students surveyed do not want an automated system & Dept head - could not reach a consensus & understand the currently system  
Discussed in committee the current IT system is not robust enough to handle automation.

- C. Other old business

- None

- VII. New Business:

- None

- VIII. Announcements:

- A. University Committee on Online Course Certification (Sen. Kirker)

- Meeting held with Dr. Golding and 6 faculty representatives to share CAP experience of faculty. Discussed issues - length of time between submission & approval can be caused by lack of reviewers. Recruiting reviewers is needed.  
Possible extension of re-cert from 3 years to 5 years, but that is not decided upon.  
Reach out to Southeastern Online designers if there are issues.

- B. Faculty Senate Elections and University Committees (Sen. Cannon)

- 3 vacancies to fill

- C. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Student Honorees (Sen. Craft)

- D. Next Faculty Senate Meeting May 1st at Alumni Center (Sen. Craft)

- E. Special announcement on retirement

- F. Paul Crawford books will be displayed at library in his memory. Wednesday, April 24th at 2pm.

- IX. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn

- Apr 17, 2024 at 4:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

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