



Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes: September 18, 2024
Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Welcome Center

I. Call to Order

September 18, 2024, 3:36pm (Sen. Craft)

II. Guest Speakers:

A. Brad Bergeron, Director of Academic and Career Exploration

Serve 3rd year through senior students. Launched “Ask Roomie”, an AI chatbot that targets undergraduate students to identify student needs. The chatbot identifies resources and follows up with the student. Humans also follow-up with identified students.

65,000 responses to check-in texts; 97% of students are users; 65% response rate from students to texts; 44,000 student needs uncovered & responded to. Using “Ask Roomie” will make it smarter. Faculty can Ask Roomie specific questions and discover how it answers. Feedback can be sent to ace@selu.edu

B. Micheal Beckner, Head of the Southeastern Department of Public Safety

Introduced Julia & demonstrated her explosive detection skills. Parking & Transportation back under the Dept of Public Safety. Created new Emergency Management position

The Clery Report & stats concerning safety also falls under Dept of Public Safety

If you see something, say something. Contact UPD. If you think it's an emergency, call.

If you're unsure if it's an emergency, call & let UPD decide if it's an emergency.

Offer self-defense course, open to faculty, recommended by Sen. Billingsley

Can email if faculty want someone from the dept to come speak to class

III. Roll Call

Dries, Echols, Gibson, Leeman, Molina, Schillage-Truxillo, Settembrino, Settoon, Starns

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the May 1, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting

Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

- A. Committee Assignments (Sen. Craft)
Will be sent via email to the general senate
- B. Modification of Bylaws, re: special elections (Sen. Cannon)
Discussion of when a special election should take place.
Motion for the senate to act as a committee of the whole, seconded, unanimously approved
Change March 1st to February 15th
Call to question to approve the modification as approved
Moved, seconded, unanimously approved

VII. Announcements:

- A. Robert's Rules of Order Announcement (Sen. Schillage-Truxillo)
Will be on following meeting agenda
- B. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Student Honorees (Sen. Craft)
- C. SGA Liaison report
Students met with Dr. Wainwright concerning tuition. Students want to have an SGA Canvas page.
Tracking bill to allow for election day off for students to go home to vote.
Syllabi 3 clicks away from view on the web. Want all syllabi visible to the public.
- D. New Academic Integrity policy is being enacted. The new policy includes AI statement.
Reporting is also necessary.
- E. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2024 semester (Sen. Craft)
October 2nd, 3:30pm; Alumni Center

VIII. Adjournment

Move to adjourn, seconded, unanimously approved; September 18, 2024, 4:35

Respectfully submitted,
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