



Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes: Mar 12, 2025 3:30 PM

Southeastern Louisiana University Fayard Hall 101

I. Call to Order

Sen. Craft - 3:30pm

II. Guest Speakers:

- A. Marie Lambert, re: Sims Memorial Library updates & resources

If you want to keep a database, ensure your students are using the database
Government documents are stored <https://www.govinfo.gov/>

- B. SGA officers, re: SGA travel grants and update on syllabi initiative

Hardship scholarship

Travel grants

- Student wants to attend conference, they can request a travel grant
- Travel grants will be processed within 4 weeks
- The student will be reimbursed for their expenses
- Students must attend the SGA appropriations committee meeting (changes from having to attend a total of 3 different meetings)

Syllabi initiative

- Resolution
 - No enforcement mechanism; “expression of the opinion of the students”
 - Students don’t know the subject of the classes, so they use Rate My Professor, so they want to see more transparency
- Proclamation
 - Binding legislation
 - Establishes a task force (university committee) to research the issues with transparency and possible solutions
 - Members will be SGA leadership, Faculty Senate members, Provost, Dr. Burris
- Comments & questions

- Encourage students they are active participants in their education. Students can email faculty or DH.

III. Roll Call

Absent Senators: Billingsley, Corbello, Dardis, Graves, Green, Horzelski, Leeman, Molina, Mouledous, Pereyra, Soysal, Waikar, Westmoreland, Zeidan

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the February 5, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting

Motion to approve, seconded, unanimously approved

V. Old Business:

A. Faculty Welfare Committee Reports:

1. Gender pay equity/faculty pay issues

No report - deferred

2. Graduate course release policy/practice

No report - deferred

B. Bylaws Committee Report

Recommend a fixed formula for member number

Recommend changing tenure & promotion committee membership numbers

Call to question for approval

Move to approve the changes, seconded, unanimously approved

C. US News Resolution (Committee of the Whole)

Ask the university to create a committee to improve ranking

Call to question for approval

Move to approve the changes, seconded, unanimously approved

D. Senior Instructor academic rank (Committee of the Whole)

Ask the university to appoint a committee to create a promotion system for Instructors

Move to add language “rank of senior instructor and distinguished senior instructor”, seconded, unanimously approved

Move to approve the resolution with amendments, seconded, unanimously approved

VI. New Business:

A. Small program class size issues (Sens. Sommerfeld and Cannon)

Move to send issue to Academic Committee, seconded, unanimously approved

VII. Announcements:

- A. SGA Liaison Report (Committee member)**
- B. La. R. S. 17:3399.39 and related university policies (Sen. Craft)**
- C. Elections (Sen. Cannon)**
- D. Unclaimed Property Forms (Sen. Cannon)**
- E. Check Information in University Catalog (Sen. Cannon)**
- F. Food Pantry Drive (Sen. Genre)**
- G. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Student Honorees (Sen. Craft)**
- H. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for Spring 2025 semester (Sen. Craft)**

April 9, 2025

May 7, 2025

VIII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen N. Cicale

Coleen N. Cicale

Recording Secretary