



## Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

2 pm, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

### Minutes of the Aug 16, 2023 Meeting

**I. Call to Order:** Bazayev called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

#### **II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Inessa Bazayev (President), Daniel Tirone (Vice-President), Parampreet Singh (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Kevin Ringelman (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Mandi Lopez (Past President)

**III. Public Comments:** None

**IV. FSEC Minutes Approval from 2 Aug 2023:** Ringelman moved to approve. Passed unanimously.

#### **V. President's Updates:**

- Meeting with Lauren Coats to discuss Resolution 23-04: Bazayev and Tirone met her on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this resolution concerning salaries for instructors in humanities and the arts. Some of the instructors are being paid less than the instructors in BRCC. Also shared the discussions on this issue arising in the HSS Senate. Bazayev and Tirone noted various discrepancies in salaries across the campus and the plan going forward is to refine the resolution to raise broader faculty compensation issues which have remained largely unaddressed for several years and affect recruitment and retention at LSU.
- Bazayev mentioned that she is in touch with AAUP to lift censures. Plans to bring this to the attention of Provost Haggerty for help in overcoming these censures in the near future.
- Bazayev and Cobb attended the New Faculty Summit Orientation (August 15). Bazayev met several new faculty members and mentioned about the initiatives of the Faculty Senate.
- AI committee: Vice Provost for Academic Programs Bach has agreed to create an administrative committee with the help of Faculty Senate to address various AI related inquiries from across the campus.
- Graduate Student Health Insurance: Bazayev reached out to the Chair of Graduate Council Thomas Greckhamer for more information. Bazayev was informed that this issue was

decided by the graduate school leadership and LSU administration and these decisions were not in the purview of the the Graduate Council. Committee members raised concerns over lingering issues in this process and who is accountable for this matter which affects all graduate students.

- Pending appointments in Standing Committees: Cobb will send emails to the Chairs of various committees that appointments will be made shortly.

## VI. Unfinished Business

- **Budget for FS Guidebook:** Cobb discussed quotes for the guidebook. Committee members advocated printing of 100 copies which will cost approximately \$857. Ringleman moved to approve the amount. Passed unanimously.
- **New Senator Orientation Lunch:** To be held between the first two meetings of the Faculty Senate in the Fall semester. Planned to be held at the Club. Cobb found that there are two private rooms which can accommodate 40 guests. The set-up fee will be \$50. The buffet cost will be \$11.36. Cobb will send a Doodle poll to new senators for this lunch in September.
- **Faculty Health and Safety Committee:** Continuing the discussions from the previous meeting, Tirone discussed the following as the charge of the committee:
  - 1) To identify potential threats to faculty health and safety in LSU controlled spaces where faculty duties are performed;
  - 2) To direct faculty who bring concerns to the attention of the committee to the appropriate administrative unit to correct the issue;
  - 3) To work with the appropriate administrative units on campus to remove the threat when no individual administrative unit has responsibility for the issue;
  - 4) To keep the Faculty Senate Executive Committee apprised of potential threats to faculty health and safety and refer matters that cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the committee with the cooperation of the administration to the Executive Committee for further action.

Tirone moved to create a committee composed of 5-7 faculty members with the charge as above and to appoint Jeff Roland as the interim chair of this committee. Passed unanimously.

## VI. New Business

- **Ad hoc FS IT committee:** Singh mentioned that the committee plans to start meeting from next week at a weekly basis. Fanny Ramirez and Jeff Roland have time constraints in the semester and cannot serve on the committee. Fabio Del Piero is on sabbatical. Moved to reinstate Larry Smolinsky on the committee who had voluntarily stepped down in summer and include Scott Baldrige as a new member of the committee. Passed unanimously.

- **Faculty Senate draft agenda:** The meeting will be on Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in Dalton woods auditorium. There will be Welcome comments by Provost Haggerty. There will also be a presentation by Brandon Common and Jonathan Sanders in the Student Accountability Office.

Tirone moved to postpone the discussion on Faculty Senate Committees Archival Page to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

- **Resolution Submission Guidelines:** Tirone discussed revisions to the resolution submission guidelines which would allow the sponsor to work with Faculty Senate Executive Committee on how to proceed. After the feedback from FSEC, this procedure may include recommending the sponsor to work with a Senate designated committee to make the resolution more effective and successful. Ringelman moved to accept the revision. Passed unanimously.
- **Courses & Curricula Committee:** Jeff Perry (Music) has agreed to serve as the interim chair with a term ending in 2024. Jeff will replace outgoing chair John Hopkins. Robin Lemaire (Business), Rendy Kartika (Science) and Suresh Moorthy (Engg) will be the new faculty members on the committee with terms ending in 2026. Student vacancies will be filled by Terry Geraldson (Grad) and Colin Raby (Under-grad). Students are on 1 year term.

Tirone moved to approve the above names and to appoint Jeff Perry as the interim chair of the Courses and Curricula committee. Passed unanimously.

- **FSEC Meeting Schedule, August 21 – September 19:** Mondays and Fridays are the only viable options and Mondays seem to work better with everyone's constraints. The next meeting of FSEC will be on 8/21 at 10 am.
- **ASH committee:** Cathleen Williams (chair) asked Bazayev whether a representative from Veterinary Medicine is needed on this committee and pointed to lack of proposals coming from Veterinary Medicine. Tirone moved to postpone the discussion to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

## VII. Adjournment

Kazuschyk moved to adjourn at 3:35 pm. Passed unanimously.