

Southeastern Louisiana University
FACULTY SENATE
Meeting Minutes
2007 October 03
[Approved by the Senate on November 07]

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Senate President White called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Membership Secretary Ply called the roll. Senators absent were Bancroft, Beauvais, Echols, G. Traylor.

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 05

The minutes of the September 05 meeting received approval. Those minutes are at <http://www2.selu.edu/Academics/Depts/FacSen/090507minutes.pdf>.

III. Invited Guest

Ms Kathy Pittman, Director of Alumni Affairs, was the invited guest. She spoke about the planned activities for Homecoming Week (November 5-10). Major events appear at http://www.selu.edu/alumni_donors/alumni_assoc/news/specialevents/homecoming/index.html.

IV. FAC/BOS Alternate Election

President White yielded the floor to Senator Titard, Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, for purpose of electing an Alternate Representative to the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) which represents the faculties to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Senator Titard introduced Dr Carole Madere and Dr John Yeargain, the two candidates in nomination by the Southeastern faculty at large. Drs Madere and Yeargain each spoke for 2 minutes. Senator Yeargain was elected.

V. Old Business

Items A through D (*infra* this section) constituted Old Business on the agenda.

A. Definition of "General Faculty"

President White recognized Senator Lewallen, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, concerning the issue of the Definition of "General Faculty." Senator Lewallen reported no progress. The issue remains in Old Business.

B. Minute-Taking at Executive Council Meetings

President White again recognized Senator Lewallen, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, concerning the issue of Minute-Taking at Executive Council Meetings. Senator Lewallen reported no progress. The issue remains in Old Business.

C. Annual Evaluation Procedures

President White recognized Senator Holt-Ochsner, Chair of the Professional Rights & Responsibilities Committee, concerning the issue of Annual Evaluation Procedures. Senator Holt-Ochsner reported no progress. The issue remains in Old Business.

D. Electors for University Tenure and Promotion Committee

President White recognized Senator Lewallen, Chair of the Constitutional & Bylaws Committee, concerning the issue of Electors for University Tenure and Promotion Committee. Senator Lewallen reported no progress. The issue remains in Old Business.

VI. New Business

Item A *infra* constituted New Business on the agenda.

A. Road Markings

After distributing pp. 30-31 of http://www.dps.state.la.us/omv/Guide_DandE.pdf, President White recognized Dr John Crain, Provost, who reported that negotiations are underway to correct the road stripings on campus to conform to federal and state requirements for differentiating two-way and one-way traffic flows. Consequently President White, there being no objection from the floor, refrained from seeking to refer the issue to committee pending further progress by the administration.

[B. Other New Business]

There being no further New Business, President White proceeded to Announcements (Section VII).

VII. Announcements

There were two announcements (A and B *infra*) on the agenda. President White recognized Senator Yeargain for a third announcement (C, *q.v.*).

A. President's Awards for Excellence

The 2007 winners of the University President's Awards for Excellence included Senators Beaubouef and Naquin. Senator Beaubouef was awarded for Excellence in Research and Senator Naquin for Excellence in Teaching. The Senate recognized these two colleagues with applause.

B. SGA Report

Senator Marshall reported on the Student Government Association (SGA, Student Senate). She indicated that SGA is considering a fee for an "intermodal system" (on-campus bus service). Provost Crain briefly described the anticipated role of the intermodel system should it become a reality.

C. Northshore Imaging

Senator Yeargain announced that Northshore Imaging now has a contracted relationship with State Employees Office of Group Benefits (OGB), retroactive to 2007 July 1 inclusive. Faculty members who have been required on or after July 1 of this year to pay, to Northshore Imaging, amounts which would have been covered or offset by OGB are eligible to seek retroactive correction with Northshore Imaging at the address or telephone number on the Northshore Imaging bill.

VIII. Adjournment

At 3:23 PM President White declared the meeting adjourned, the next regular meeting being scheduled for November 07.

Respectfully submitted by

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