University Senate Minutes for Thursday, January 24, 2008

**Biological Science**
- E. L. Beard
- Maureen Shuh

**College of Business**
- Karen Arnold
- Walter Block
- Wing Fok
- Brett Mather
- (Mike Sibley, proxy)
- Mike Pearson
- Mike Sibley

**Chemistry**
- Lynn Koplitz

**City College**
- Barbara Ewell

**Communications**
- Anita Day

**Criminal Justice**
- Dee Harper

**English**
- Kate Adams
- Ted Cotton
- Marcus Smith

**History**
- Robert Gerlich, S. J.
- Maurice Brungardt

**Languages and Cultures**
- Connie Rodriguez
- Bob Dewell

**College of Law**
- Stephen Higginson
- Patrick Hugg
- Jim Klebba
- Blaine LeCesne
- Lawrence Moore, S. J.

**Law Library**
- Michele Pope

**Library**
- Richard Snow
- Trish Nugent
- (Richard Snow, proxy)

**Mathematics**
- Maria Calzada
- Xuefeng Li

**Music**
- Alice Clark
- James MacKay
- Janna Saslaw

**Philosophy**
- Joe Berendzen
- Mark Gossiaux

**Physics**
- Mickey King
- Emily Dralek (guest)

**Political Science**
- Conrad Raabe

**Psychology**
- Glenn Hymel
- Lawrence Lewis

**Religious Studies**
- Robert Gnuse
- Boyd Blundell

**Sociology**
- Marcus Kondkar

**Theater Arts and Dance**
- Georgia Gresham

**Visual Arts**
- Simeon Hunter
The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.

1. Invocation by Fr. Robert Gerlich, S. J.

2. Reports: Steve Tillotson of Kell Muñoz made a presentation regarding the university’s Master Plan. He answered questions from senate members. The presentation draft (a PowerPoint document) may be accessed at the following address: http://www.loyno.edu/emails-newsletters/presidents-office/masterplandraft_20080123.ppt

3. The minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

4. Old Business

5. New Business
   a) The senate Executive Committee introduced a motion for consideration at our next meeting. The text read:

   Whereas the Faculty Handbook currently does not reflect the de facto changes at Loyola University New Orleans as a result of the Pathways document, therefore the Faculty Senate recommends that the standing Handbook Revision Committee be charged with this critical task, together with the revision of the university committee structure.

   To insure the participation and commitment of the Administration and the Board of Trustees in this vital process, the Senate further recommends the inclusion on this ad hoc committee of one representative from each of these constituencies (the Board and the Administration), specifically empowered to represent those perspectives and concerns.

   The Senate further requests that the Administration and the Board formally endorse the work of this Committee, by agreeing to participate in a good faith effort to revise and update this essential document by which the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the faculty, administration, and board are contractually defined.

   The Senate asks that this Committee complete its work as soon as possible, providing the Senate with progress reports at least twice a semester, and aim for a completed and approved text by May 2009.

   Given the importance and urgency of this task, the Senate strongly recommends that this committee be given appropriate legal and secretarial support. Moreover,
faculty members of the Committee should be compensated for their work with appropriate course releases.

b) There was a request for a resolution thanking the administration for the opening of the Senior Commons dining room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.