University Senate Minutes for February 10, 2011
Names in italic represent senators who were present:

**Biological Science**

*E. L. Beard*

**Business (College of)**

Wing Fok
Pat Lynch
Karen Arnold
Jerry Goolsby

**Chemistry**

*Bill Walkenhorst*

**Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures**

Blanca Anderson
Bob Dewell
Nathan Henne

**Criminal Justice**

*Dee Harper*

**English**

*Robert Bell*
*Barbara Ewell*
*Mark Yakich*
*Janelle Schwartz*

**History**

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

**Law (College of)**

Lawrence Moore, S. J.
*Markus Puder*
*Andrea Armstrong*
*Johanna Kalb*
*Luz Molina*
*Steve Singer - proxy*
*Karen Sokol*
*Irme Szalai*
*Steve Higgison (Etheldra Scoggin proxy)*

**Law Library**

*Etheldra Scoggin*

**Mass Communication (School of)**

*David Zemmels*
*Larry Lorenz*

**Monroe Library**

*Teri Gallaway*
*Ria Newhouse*

**Mathematical Sciences**

*Ralph Tucci*

**Ministry (Institute for)**

*Kathleen O’Gorman*

**Music**

Alice Clark
*Meg Frazier- J. Snyder proxy*
James MacKay
*John Murphy*
*Janna Saslaw*
*John Snyder (sub for Alice Clark)*

**Nursing (School of)**

Kim Brannagan
Lisa Linville
*Mary Oriol*

**Philosophy**

*Joe Berendzen*
*Jon Altschul*

**Physics**

Patrick Garrity

**Political Science**

*Conrad Raabe*

**Psychology**

Evan Zucker
Erin Dupuis
Religious Studies
Sr. Terri Bednarz
Boyd Blundell

Sociology
Marcus Kondkar

Theater Arts and Dance
Geoffrey Hall – Janna Saslaw proxy

Visual Arts
Nancy Bernardo
Bill Kitchens

Guests:
Ed Kvet, Provost
Elizabeth Kordahl, Exec Asst to Provost
Melanie McKay, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
February 10, 2011

Call to Order at 3:30 pm

Invocation by Father Gerlich

January 2011 minutes approved

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Dr. Raabe reminded senators about upcoming elections. Elections will take place following the last meeting of the year. Only people that have been elected by their colleges are allowed to vote.

Due to MMII’s design Dr. Raabe asked senators to consider changing rooms to Monroe 127. Several pictures were shown of the room for viewing purposes. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Dr. Raabe reminded faculty that the SACS review is coming up.

REPORTS

Committee Review Procedure – Conrad Raabe

Dr. Raabe referred senators to the handout on procedures for new and existing committees. Dr. Raabe developed this to review orderly procedures. Dr. Raabe requested that all senators review handout, and if necessary, questions and discussions can take place at next meeting.

Faculty Handbook Revision Committee Progress Report

For information purposes Dr. Harper distributed a report to all senators on the progress the FHC has made.

Dr. Harper requested that senators review the below handouts for voting at next meeting:
- Discrimination and Harassment Policy
- University Budget Committee (revisions)
- Strategic Planning Team (revisions)
Provost’s Report – Dr. Kvet

-The early warning system is very important. Recent modifications to enhance this system are being discussed. Please be sure to fill out early warning forms to inform colleges, advisors, etc. of students in need of assistance. In the near future the LORA system for early warnings will be revised.

-Dr. Kvet recently met with the Interim Dean of the Law School to discuss policies. Dr. Kvet stated that law schools are to follow university policy except as it applies to specific ABA standards.

-A meeting with the AAUP is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011. All letters are in process.

-SACS review – Deans, administrators and department chairs will be involved in review.

-Academic Affairs is making some structural changes. The vice provost position will be eliminated and Dr. Kvet will keep faculty informed of any other changes.

-Facilities – still working on the cost. Next week we will be giving a recommendation to the President. The President will make a decision following.

-New position searches are progressing (Dean of Law School, Dean of Library, Honors Director, Grants Director).

OLD BUSINESS

SCAP - Senate Joint Committee Program Review – Marcus Kondkar

Dr. Kondkar presented the Program Review Protocol that was brought before the senate in the beginning of fall. Dr. Kondkar re-stated the importance of this protocol as it relates to the faculty handbook 5-year review and SCAP reviews. Dr. Kondkar verified that this process is designed to assist SCAP in reviewing and approving programs and also serves criteria to justify any action regarding discontinuances.

Program Review Criteria:

  o Moved to vote
  o Seconded
  o Moved to discussion
  o Question: what is the evaluation and proposal procedure?
    Response: Dr. Kondkar stated that SCAP only reviews the evaluations and proposals created by faculty
    Question: Do certificate programs and other programs, from the law school, get reviewed by SCAP?
Response: Dr. Kondkar and Dr. Kvet would have to look into certificate programs, but other law school programs will follow same guidelines through SCAP.
Dr. Saslaw stated that these guidelines and not based on discontinuances.

- Moved to vote
- Seconded
- 9 opposed
- 2 abstentions
- Motion passes by majority vote
- Dr. Kondkar stated that a member of the law school is a representative on the committee for any concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Loyola New Orleans Faculty Senate Response to Censure Inquiry by AAUP – Barbara Ewell

Dr. Raabe stated that Dr. Ewell is leading the pathways program and any questions can be directed to her or committee members.

Dr. Ewell stated that the Executive Committee has written a draft response letter to AAUP for the senate’s review. Dr. Ewell reviewed the draft response letter to senate members.

- Motion was put forth
- Seconded
- Open for discussion

An open discussion took place on several stipulations stated in the draft response letter.

1) A substantially completed Handbook.

2) Reaffirmation from administration of the contractual force of the Handbook, assuring the faculty can rely on its provisions.

Suggestions as follows:

Amendment suggestion: the executive committee removes the completion of the Faculty Handbook due to it being on ongoing process.
Amendment suggestion: that the Faculty Handbook becomes a contractual agreement.

Noted: The current provost has done a great deal to restore the reality of faculty governance at Loyola University New Orleans and improve both the morale of the faculty and the successful functioning of the university.

Dr. Raabe requested that all senators read over the faculty draft response letter for AAUP thoroughly. Dr. Raabe stressed the importance of this letter. Bring all amendments to the next meeting and faculty will vote on amendments and vote overall.

ADJOURNMENT:

5:00PM