

AUG 29 2019

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2019

LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

Lockridge called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm with the following people present: Lockridge (Chair), Richardson (ex-officio), Wicks (ex-officio), Lee (ex-officio), Gansle, DeLoach, Gansle, Husseneider, Lindau, Perry, Piccoli, Pojman, Seimied, Sharky, and Provost Haynie.

The following members were absent: Aday, Adams, Cain, Francis, Frick, & Kattoui.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The March meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

Provost's Report

Faculty Senate's Resolution 19-045 Election of Graduate Council Membership

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate authorizes the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to immediately conduct elections from among the full Graduate Faculty members in the Colleges of Coast and the Environment, Engineering, Human Sciences and Education, and Humanities and Social Sciences to fill the vacancies in the Graduate Council that will occur this year; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate will conduct elections for Graduate Council representatives each spring semester to fill vacancies in the respective Graduate Council College or School membership terms that expire each year.

- Haynie expressed concerns of non-graduate faculty members making a decision about the resolution, and not wanting to be disruptive of the college's current process of selecting representatives to build a good graduate council. He asked if we could provide assistance with getting graduate faculty members the opportunity to vote. Haynie entertained discussions from the floor.
- Several members agree with the idea of colleges allowing graduate faculty members to elect their representatives, but other details (outlining the college deans and guidelines for the election) should be taken into consideration.
- The rationale for creating the resolution is not explicitly clear, but assumedly, this allows someone more broadly representative of the graduate faculty to have input on graduate faculty certifications, degree audits, and policies.
- Richardson believes there is a disjunction in faculty governance because the Faculty Handbook says the graduate faculty will set graduate policies. During recent meeting, the Senate Executive Committee rejected several decisions made by the Graduate Council on the grounds of it not being a governing body exclusively elected by the graduate faculty.
- Lockridge would like to include a statement in the resolution that would facilitate each college's election among the graduate faculty. After further discussions, Piccoli announced that she would entertain a motion. Gansle made the following motion: The Graduate Council recommends to the Office of Academic Affairs that the Graduate Council members be elected by and from the graduate faculty members within each college or school by processes determined by the college or school. The chair of the Graduate Council will notify the Dean of the college or school in advance.

expiration of each member's term. These elections should become effective as soon as is practical. Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Haynes will forward this response to the Faculty Senate.

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- x OAA is drafting guidelines for LSU AgCenter faculty to become graduate faculty members on the main campus. She will forward any updates when they become available.
- x Lockridge thanked members with expiring terms for their commitment and presented them with a token of appreciation.

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