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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
31 January 2025
1:30 pm, 251 Music and Dramatic Arts Building

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Parampreet Singh (Vice-President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Carmela Mattza (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Inessa Bazayev (Past-President)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 1:30 pm on January 31, 2025, in room 251 of the Music and Dramatic Arts Building at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as amended.

President's Updates

1. Tirone, Singh, and Lopata met with President Tate to discuss about Academic Freedom and its limitations on campus.
2. Tirone met with Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy to discuss the charges of the Internationalization Committee and its charges. Tirone will meet with the co-chairs of the committee for further discussion.
3. Tirone met with Vice President for Enrollment Danny Barrow and Emmett Brown, Undergraduate Admissions to discuss issues with accessing the testing center during high capacity periods and brainstorm possible solutions.
4. Singh and Tirone with Office of Academic Affairs. The Benefits committee is considering a resolution to address issues with the inconsistent handling of FMLA and parental leave across colleges.

Unfinished Business

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Grammarly**. FSEC revisited the discussion of the Faculty Senators after the first reading of the FS Resolution 25-01. After some discussion, Singh made a motion to postpone further discussion until the next FSEC meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. The next item of unfinished business was **Academic Freedom Panel**. Tirone discussed the panel with Provost Haggerty about inviting external speakers and the Provost is supportive. Singh made a motion to authorize Tirone to invite appropriate guests. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The next item of unfinished business was **Attendance Study**. Tirone, Bazayev, and Mattza have worked on a revised version of the attendance study; it is multi-dimensional and succinct. FSEC will review and discuss.

4. The next item of unfinished business was **Retirement Task Force**. Singh made a motion to postpone until the next FSEC meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **ASH Proposal**. FSEC is supportive of the proposal but would like one minor update. Singh made a motion to provisionally approve the proposal with the small addition of an alternative/equal course. The motion was unanimously approved. Tirone will reach out to Cathy Williams, Chair of ASH, about the change.
2. The next item of new business was **Classroom Shortage Solutions**. Classroom shortages, reasons for these shortages, and possible solutions to the problem were discussed. FSEC will

