



Faculty Senate

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NSU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – *January 23, 2018*

3:30 p.m. in the Cane River Room, Student Union

- **Call to Order.** 3:31 p.m. by Reynolds
- **Approval or Correction of the Minutes** from November 28, 2018.
Motion by Goleman and seconded by Upshaw.
- **Reports from Standing Committees.**
 - Executive Council (Thomas Reynolds, Chair)
Budget! Talk to people about the effects of cuts on our students and university; there is a new budgeting page with a rubric and links for information related to the strategic plan for budget requests.
If you have faculty concerns related to the Strategic Plan, Thomas will bring to the committee, so let him know.
Admin is aware of the very high workloads (V. Gentry brought it to the meeting in December). It's on the table. Discussion: should we be more active in this conversation?
QEP: training at the beginning of the year; review the website and talk with your coordinators.
SACSCOC monitoring report is due in September. If you are responsible for assessing a program, be sure to submit your data on time. 2022 and 2027 are also being discussed so we can avoid the last-minuteness of this reaccreditation cycle.
Concern was General Ed and is probably being revised for catalog next year. May simplify from 10 to the 6 required by the Board of Regents.
A fried chicken fast-food place and the Follett bookstore are coming to the current Neebo location. Barnes and Noble will be phasing out.
We are going to begin building a parking lot in front of the bookstore to allow parking for the coffee shop, which has been a popular stop for the community too. Thomas is meeting with V. Gentry soon about the calendar committee and fixing the calendar and a formal policy about sabbaticals.
 - Committee on Committees (John Dunn, Chair)
 - No report
 - Faculty Standards Committee (Terrie Poehl, Chair)
 - No report
- **Reports from Select Committees.**
 - Faculty Leave Committee (Jason Powell)
Met with V. Gentry to discuss the issue and the audit finding regarding leave and the questions about consistency of leave-taking across campus. No policy yet because they have to wait for the auditor to return and bring state policy to the table.



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- Discussed the survey results (hour per hour was the overwhelming result). Report that the talks were very positive.
- **Unfinished (Old) Business.**
 - **Parking Issues**

Kyser parking lot gate near the post office, gate is still broken. No gates at Bienvenu or Russel Hall and there's no parking available to faculty. Police are ticketing, so contact them if there's a problem. There is discussion of new signage to better indicate parking lots.

Motion from Forkner and seconded by Goleman to survey faculty and staff for calendar.
 - **Calendar Issues**

Contact hours is being handled. Ben Forkner: vacation and aligning NSU with the parish schools. Motion to survey faculty and staff about whether their children are local/if the majority are affected.
 - **New Business**

McFarland: door issues in Kyser. Also has elevator issues.
Send systematic e-mails to department head, building manager, and Marcus Jones simultaneously.
\$2.6 M in deferred maintenance.
Submit proper work orders. Keep and correlate e-mails to make sure work orders are not closed out before work is done.
Summer and adjunct pay: proposal and sufficient pay scale for overload and adjuncts.
Current pay is \$1,600 for master's degree, \$2,000 for terminal degree. Extra services is \$1,000. Moved and approved to enable Ben Forkner to create an Ad Hoc committee to discuss adjunct and summer pay.
 - **Announcements and Discussion.**

March 3 NSide View; March 10 Scholars Day (they will not be joined)
 - **Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

REMINDER: Departments should elect one Senator for every 10 full-time faculty members or fraction thereof (for example, 27 full-time faculty members would be represented by 3 Senators. Announcements of new senators should be emailed to Senate Secretary, Terrie Poehl, poehl@nsula.edu. **The next scheduled meeting is February 27, 2018.**
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Attendance:

Leadership Team

Thomas Reynolds

John Dunn

Terrie Poehl (Proxy by Keicia Hawkins)

Paula Christensen

Senators:

Landon Amberg

Brittany Broussard

Eric Braun

Xinjia Chen

Patricia Clark

Corbin Covher

Elaine Easton

Ben Fortkner

Leah Forsyth

Amy Garcie

Julie Gayle (WebEx)

Brett Garfinkel

Wanda Goleman

Greg Granger

Ken Green

Tommy Hailey

Keicia Hawkins

Krista Jenkins

Kwon Chan Jeon

Katrina Jordan (WebEx)

Rondo Keele

Andrej Kurtj

T. Davina McClain

Sarah McFarland

Jennifer Michael (WebEx)

Leigh Ann Myers

Jason Powell

Nicholas Richardson

Robert Richoux

Dean Sinclair

Kathleen Tate (WebEx)

Danny Upshaw

Shannon Wall-Hare

Mary Linn Wernet