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NSU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – *February 26, 2019*

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

NSU Elementary and Lab Schools Tuition Increases Discussion with Dean Kimberly McAlister.

- **Call to Order.**
Reynolds 3:45, quorum is met (32 present)
- **Approval or Correction of the Minutes** from January 22, 2019.
 - Motion: Braun and Forsyth
- **Reports from Standing Committees.**
 - Executive Council (Thomas Reynolds, Chair)
 - Provost Search Update
 - Advertised position with committee. Salary at \$150,000-170,000, in line with ULS. Position will remain open until 4/14/2019. Three candidates will be brought on campus. Person will begin in July or August.
 - Interfolio Update
 - Replacement for Taskstream. Committee chaired by Roni Biscoe. 50% faculty. Working on university structure.
 - Faculty Senate Resolution on Hiring Committees Update
 - Notification from Roni. Set up opportunity for students to meet candidates. Allow students to provide input after candidates leave.
 - Policy on Administrators Returning to Faculty Status Update
 - Tabled in Deans and Department Heads meeting for more discussion.
 - Academic Honesty Policy Update
 - Ad hoc committee needed to view the 12 items on the document submitted.
 - OPM (Online Program Management) Provider Meetings Happening
 - The Learning House. This will be used to help with online retention. Marketed specifically to the online learning community. Companies pump money at the beginning of a semester. Still in initial meetings—no decisions have been made to go with any OPM.
 - New Crisis Leave Policy and Committee
 - Faculty are leading donators. We now have two faculty members on the committee.
 - Committee on Committees (John Dunn, Chair)
 - Crisis Committee Appointments—2 Faculty Members
 - Nominations: Dr. Cynthia Doffitt from Biology, Ronnie Abukahalaf and Beth Prejean, Mr. Terry Isbell (Psychology)
 - Doffitt and Isbell won.



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- Open vote Motion: S. Walker Powell
 - Faculty Standards Committee (Terrie Poehl, Chair)
 - Meeting on 3/14/2019. Will have a report ready for the March FS meeting.
 - Sabbatical Policy and Procedure
 - Committee is meeting on 3/14/2019 and will have a report for the March 2019 faculty senate meeting
 - **Reports from Select Committees.**
 - Exam Schedule Proposals (Rebecca Riall)
 - Goleman had questions from faculty members
 - Powell had questions from faculty members
 - Sinclair had question from one faculty member.
 - Motion: Powel, Goleman
 - Vote; 5-day preferred.
 - Send motion vote
 - Motion: Powell, Sinclair.
 - Vote: FOR
 - **Unfinished (Old) Business.**
 - **New Business.**
 - Parking Issues
 - i. New issue from School of Business, No room for employees. Police ticket faculty and students alike. Faculty would like gate or other resolution. Numbered parking spots could assist or gate could assist.
 - ii. Upshaw: painting curbs is not done by maintenance.
 - iii. McFarland: get a security officer to come to FS meeting to explain policies
 - iv. Motion: Revisit coloring issue (Upshaw)
 - v. Motion (Myers) Get university police member to come to next meeting.
 - Academic Honesty Policy. Send information to Sarah McFarland to become a member of the committee. The policy must be updated. Reynolds will send info to Dean Conine.
 - Student Excused Absence Policy. First time in the UL System. Current policy is brief and unclear. Powell will chair the committee and Poehl wants to be on the committee. Other members: Leigh Ann Myers, Deborah Huntington, and John Dunn
 - **Announcements and Discussion.**

None
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○ **Adjourn.**

Motion: Goleman, Braun

4:37 end

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 March 26, 2019.**

Join us on WebEx: <https://nsula.webex.com/join/reynoldst>.

Faculty Senators in Attendance:

Leadership Team:

Thomas Reynolds

John Dunn

Terrie Poehl

Paula Christensen

Senators:

Nancy Alexander (WebEx)

Landon Amberg

Kathy Autrey

Tamara Baxter (WebEx)

Eric Brawn

Brittany Broussard

Xinjia Chen

Patricia Clark

Elaine Eaton

Benjamin Forkner

Leah Forsyth

Amy Garcie

Wanda Goleman

Tommy Hailey

Keicia Hawkins (WebEx)

Adam Hudlow

Deborah Huntington

Collier Hyams

Krista Jenkins

Kwon Chan Jeon

Dean Kostantaras

Sarah McFarland

Jennifer Michael (WebEx)

Leigh Ann Myers

Jason Powell

Robin Ray (WebEx)

Rebecca Riall

Dean Sinclair

Danny Upshaw

Karen Walker (WebEx)

Shannon Wall-Hale

Mary Zapczynski (WebEx)