

LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting
November 4, 2024
3:00 PM, Room W310 Howe-Russell Kniffen Geosciences Building,
Louisiana State University

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Ravi Rau
Jeffrey Roland, Secretary
Jonathan Snow, Chair
Daniel Tirone

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests in Attendance

Ryan Landry (Academic Affairs)
Jane Cassidy (Academic Affairs)
Andreas Giger (Graduate Council)

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 3:04 PM on Monday November 4, 2024 in room W310 of the Howe-Russell Kniffen Geosciences Building on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All four committee members were present. Three guests were present. There were no public comments.

Chairman Snow made brief comments on the history and charges of the committee for the benefit of the guests.

Minutes from the prior meeting on October 4, 2024 were adopted.

Tirone, *qua* Senate President, updated the committee on goings on at the Board of Supervisors relevant to the committee's duties (new title series for Instructors, potential changes to recent BoS bylaws revisions re: searches on campus). Also possible revision to PS-15 at the request of student government.

Guests made brief comments concerning topics of interest to the committee (new tenure policy for librarians, developing bylaws for the Graduate Council, number of policies in some stage of revision (74), new policy specialist hired in Academic Affairs to help with moving policies through the process of approval, revision, etc.)

Committee discussed draft policy on policies:

- Snow and Landry gave brief history of the draft.

- Functional Classifications discussed (enterprises, employment clause, student services). Cassidy and Landry will look into employment categories. Move to student ‘support’ instead of ‘services’.
- Discussed definition of ‘Policy Statement’. Move last sentence to be first and modify to: ‘Policy Statements are generally issued to interpret and implement Permanent Memoranda and Bylaws & Regulations of the Board or pursuant to the requirements of state and federal law.’
- Flow of policy statements outlined in the Procedures section doesn’t accurately reflect actual practice. In particular, it’s not the case that everything flows through a Vice President. Section needs revision to reflect actual practice or prescribe a less rigid process. Potential revisions were discussed.
- Cited Style Guide? Not clear it still exists. Default to *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Discussed Approvals section. Main concern is that there be a running history of any given policy, including its genesis and the genesis of revisions, etc.
- Discussed IV.B.2 and faculty role. Proposal to use the categories of faculty authority and concern from PS-50 here. Discussed appendix compiled by Snow listing extant policies involving areas of faculty authority and concern.
- Roland raised question about tension in occurrences of ‘monitoring unit’ in IV.A. Language will be revised.
- Discussed desire to have strong language reflecting the role of faculty in development, approval, revision, etc. of policies.
- Discussed possible avenues of faculty input on the policy on policies. All agreed feedback on a later draft by the full Faculty Senate is desirable.

Landry and Cassidy will prepare next draft of policy on policies and get it to the committee for examination.

Committee then discussed policies likely to be coming to the committee for review/revision: (i) PM-23/PS-36NT/PS36T; (ii) policies relevant to librarians; (iii) PM-24; (iv) PS-15 (adding institutional neutrality?); (iv) PS-104 (w/PS-15?).

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM following a motion by Tirone which passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Roland, Secretary