

Friday, April 8, 2022

FROM: Mandi J. Lopez, DVM, MS, PhD/President, LSU Faculty Senate
TO: Council of Faculty Advisors
RE: REPORT SHARED WITH DR. DRODDY IN ADVANCE OF APRIL 8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1. Resolutions were recently passed by the LSU Baton Rouge faculty senate and the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates that affirm the commitment of faculty in the LSU system and statewide to the protection of tenure and academic freedom (<https://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolutions/fsresolutions/resolution22-06final.pdf>). We appreciate the support of the BoS and LSU administration.
2. The faculty have not heard back about the plans for faculty council meetings as detailed in the BoS Regulations. Time is growing short to plan and hold meetings of such magnitude. The LSU Baton Rouge campus is especially challenging in this regard given the necessity for an in person meeting to comply with LA open meetings laws. We look forward to setting the date, time, and place and assisting with the agendas.
3. The faculty request a timeline and implementation strategy for feedback on the BOS bylaws and regulations that pertain to faculty. As you know, Chairperson Starnes requested this at the Council of Faculty Advisors last meeting with him.
4. *Communications among LSU campuses remains challenging and problematic, specifically between LSU A&M and the Ag. Center. Notably, faculty with appointments in both do not have access to their LSU email accounts. Faculty have long called for better communication among campuses and hope that the BoS will focus attention on a problem that has complicated communications among campuses for decades.*
5. Now that environmental conditions have stabilized, the faculty expect to be included in planning, conduct, and participation of graduation ceremonies. We look forward to celebrating our students.
6. Faculty have not been apprised of the status of the large-scale DEI initiatives, including a committee that focused on building names, initiated by President Galligan. Updates are requested.
7. Of note, environmental protection options, recycling, chargers for electric cars, responsible energy use, alternative energy sources seem quite limited on the LSU main campus (perhaps other campuses as well)? A focused initiative in line with the pentagon of protection is encouraged.

8. A resolution passed by the Baton Rouge Faculty Senate "A Resolution for Fair and Equitable Cost of Living Salary Adjustments for LSU Faculty" at the March 23 meeting calls on the university to include a 5.9% cost of living adjustment for faculty in the FY 2023 university budget recommended by the president of LSU and the board of supervisors to the state legislature (<https://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolutions/fsresolutions/resolution22-02secondreadingmarch24.pdf>).