

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
FACULTY SENATE REPORT**

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Task of Committee (please indicate the task of your committee here):

“The Governmental Concerns Committee shall call to the attention of the Senate issues pending before governmental bodies which affect higher education and shall furnish the Senate with information necessary to understanding such issues.”

Progress Report:

#	Since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, the <u>following has been accomplished:</u>
1.	The Committee’s Moodle site has been established
2.	Two meetings have been held: 9/22/20 and 10/13/20 with minutes on website.
3.	University’s Code of Conduct and Ethical Behavior Policy reviewed
4	Government Concerns Committee Speaker Series established
5	Bills in current Louisiana special legislative session reviewed

Committee Members Present at Committee Meetings: N/A

Anticipated Future Plans

#	Before the next Faculty Senate Meeting, the <u>following actions are planned:</u>
1.	Meet with the members of the Committee to discuss and monitor issues and legislation and report to Senate
2.	Set dates for first speakers for GCC’s speaker series.

Action Required by the Faculty Senate (list any action that needs to be taken by the Faculty Senate as a result of this report)

1. The GCC strongly advises the Faculty Senate to review the University’s new Code of Conduct and Ethical Behavior Policy for purposes of discussion in upcoming meetings. The policy is available for download and can be accessed at the following: <https://policies.louisiana.edu/code-conduct-ethical-behavior-policy>
2. The GCC invites Faculty Senate members to suggest names of speakers for the planned GCC speaker series. Please submit any suggestions to any GCC member.
3. The Louisiana Legislature convened its 2020 Second Extraordinary Session on September 28. The Bills related to higher education have been summarized below. The link to the Legislature is: <https://legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx> To get an overview of the session see the following article by Will Sentell:

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/politics/legislature/article_e305ff58-fe92-11ea-b0a0-5bcca489d84.html

The 2020 Second Extraordinary Session convened on Monday, September 28, 2020. Final Adjournment no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

HB31 ZERINGUE	Pending House Education	Considered 10/7/20
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Extends authority of public postsecondary education institutions to exercise certain operational autono		
HB40	GAROFALO	Pending Senate Education
TOPS: Provides relative to qualifications for Taylor Opportunity Program for Students scholarships (Item #43)		
SB32 FIELDS	Adopted in Senate concurrence	
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Grants certain operational autonomies to certain public postsecondary education institutions. (gov sig) See Note)		
SB44 FIELDS	Pending House final passage	Sched. for 10/20/20
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to appoint persons who reside out-of-state as cert postsecondary education boards of supervisors. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (Item #42)		
SCR2	FIELDS	Signed by the President
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Requests LCTCS and Sowela administrators to work together to study the impacts of hurricanes L student body in order to inform any legislative requests for the 2021 Regular Session.		
SB32 FIELDS	Adopted in Senate concurrence	
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Grants certain operational autonomies to certain public postsecondary education institutions. (gov sig) See Note)		
SB45 FIELDS	Adopted in Senate concurrence	
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides for the "Lod Cook Act" which authorizes the governor to appoint persons who reside out-of-st public postsecondary boards of supervisors. (See Act) (Item #42) (RE1 INCREASE SG EX See Note)		