

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Ways and Means

Name of Committee

Jean Kiesel & Gregg Davis

Person Submitting Report

03/04/2015

Date

Task of Committee (please indicate the task of your committee here): From the constitution –“ARTICLE IV. SENATE COMMITTEES. The Ways and Means Committee of the Senate shall serve the Senate as liaison committee to University committees. Its function is that of mediator in differences of opinion in policy between the Senate and the University committees. It shall present to the Senate recommendations for solutions of policy differences. Twice each year (at the January and April meetings) the committee shall report to the Senate on the status of University actions in response to resolutions passed by the Senate during the previous half year or, when appropriate, during the previous year. The committee shall also be assigned those tasks which the Executive Officer deems advisable.”

Progress Report:

#	Since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, the following has been accomplished:
1.	Gregg Davis created a Moodle page for the committee to facilitate discussions
2.	Looked at Faculty Senate minutes from 1998/99, the last time a QSN Committee for the post of Dean of General Studies was formed. There was no mention of Faculty Senate being involved in the formation of the Committee
3.	Began studying membership of Faculty Senate for those holding administrative rank above department head. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted current Constitution language on membership on the Committee’s Moodle page, and proposed amendment • Examined policies at Louisiana universities. Northwestern includes full-time, non-administrative faculty, while Tech excludes supervisory personnel. LSU excludes members of the Executive Council and the Council of Academic Deans and Directors. • Examined list of 15 peer institutions used by UL System. Of these, 8 restrict membership and/or voting privileges to department heads and lower; 3 give ex-officio membership to high administrators (e.g., President, Vice-Presidents, Provost, Registrar). One did not have a Faculty Senate web page that we could find. The remaining three did not limit membership in their constitution/by-laws. • We have not yet voted on the language of the proposed amendment
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Committee Members Present at Committee Meetings:

#	List the members of your Committee who attended Committee Meetings since the last Faculty Senate Meeting:
1.	N/A. The committee has been in contact via email and Moodle
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Anticipated Future Plans

#	Before the next Faculty Senate Meeting, the following actions are planned:
1.	Draft an amendment to the Senate Constitution to exclude specific administrators as voting members
2.	Review the proposal for a permanent Senate Budget Committee set forth by the ad Hoc Committee for the Creation of the Senate Budget Committee
3.	Review the new merit evaluation procedure and replace existing wording in the Faculty Handbook.

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

Vote on the proposal for the QSN Committee for the post of Dean of University College