**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 29, 2009**

**Absent:** Y. Belyaeva-Standen, H. Bednarek

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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>President J. Langan called the meeting to order with a moment of silence/prayer at 3:30 p.m. in Auditorium B of the Learning Resources Center.</td>
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<td>Call of the Roll</td>
<td>Secretary L. Hoechst called the roll.</td>
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<td>Approval of the Minutes</td>
<td>The minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting were approved without changes.</td>
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| Presentation by John Jaffrey, Registrar, Role of Ombudsman | • His role is one of a neutral party in student academic concerns/issues academic  
• Gives students a person to listen and help the student resolve problems  
• Determines if student has followed the appropriate process, and if not facilitates the process with the student  
• May involve a phone call to set a meeting with faculty members and students  
• Helps find out what a unit’s policy or standard practice is about a concern  
• Most problems resolved within 2 to 3 weeks  
• More information on SLU website at [http://www.slu.edu/x24698.xml](http://www.slu.edu/x24698.xml)  
• Will be speaking with SGA next week to publicize service |          |
| Presentation by Dr. Steve Cummings, Medical Director/SLU Employee Health, Update on Seasonal Flu, H1N1 | Pandemic Planning Committee meets weekly  
• Stay in synch with Public Health recommendations  
• Responsible for providing hand sanitizer, wipes, and masks at entrances to all residence halls and UMG clinics  
• Cover your cough campaign  
• Employees will be informed when vaccine becomes available  
• Delay in vaccine may be an issue for students who must be vaccinated before being allowed in clinical sites; in these cases students may have to get vaccine elsewhere  
• Student health should know more next week  
• More information on website at [http://www.slu.edu/flu/index.html](http://www.slu.edu/flu/index.html) |          |
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<td><strong>Presentation by Miriam Joseph, Chair, HLC Self-study Steering Committee and Steve Sanchez, Asst. Provost/SLU HLC Liaison: self-study report</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Site visit 2011-2012&lt;br&gt;• Emphasis on assessment and outcomes&lt;br&gt;• A forward looking process&lt;br&gt;• Challenge to align individual units assessment of student learning with University assessment of outcomes&lt;br&gt;• Look at processes&lt;br&gt;• Incorporate SLU’s Five Dimensions&lt;br&gt;• Subcommittees are being formed&lt;br&gt;• Welcome faculty input&lt;br&gt;• Dr. Taylor from HLC will be on campus Thursday, 10/08/09 and a presentation will be held for interested parties in the BSC, Room 170 from 2:30 pm – 4 pm&lt;br&gt;• Website forthcoming</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty Senators’ Reports from Faculty Assemblies</strong>&lt;br&gt;President J. Langan solicited Faculty Assembly reports from the floor. There were none. Senators were encouraged to bring issues identified in their faculty assemblies forward to the Senate.</td>
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<td><strong>Old Business</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Emeritus Parking</strong>&lt;br&gt;As a result of the efforts of previous Faculty Senate administration, Emeritus faculty now have parking privileges at the University free of charge.</td>
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<td><strong>New Business</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Discussion of SLU Administration Reorganization</strong>&lt;br&gt;• J. Langan reiterated that at the HSC meeting on 9/21/09, Father Biondi announced that there would be two academic officers, one at HSC (Phil Alderson) and one on Frost Campus (i.e., Chief Academic Officer/Frost Campus), and that at the Senate Kickoff on 9/22/09 he clearly stated that he was merely changing job titles.&lt;br&gt;• The Senate favors the process used last January, 2009, when the EC and all faculty were given the opportunity to discuss the implications of Dr. Phil Alderson’s dual roles as Dean of the School of Medicine and VP of the Health Sciences&lt;br&gt;• Faculty also have concern with implications for promotion and tenure, PRC process, VP/Dean dual roles&lt;br&gt;• J. Langan requested an org. chart showing new reporting lines (one senator noted that such a chart is required by at least some professional program accrediting agencies)&lt;br&gt;• J. Langan invited Father Biondi, P. Alderson, M. Patankar, and B. Kauffman to meet with the EC to discuss academic reorganization concerns and process&lt;br&gt;• The question was raised as to whether Father Biondi’s announcements were timed to coincide with last weekend’s Board meetings. J. Langan doesn’t know but does not think this went to the Board.&lt;br&gt;Observations:&lt;br&gt;• P. Alderson appointed without a search; position not opened for a search. His appointment was notification but not input.&lt;br&gt;• Father Biondi’s decision seems financially based&lt;br&gt;• VP and Provost roles differ philosophically; Provost important to academic mission.&lt;br&gt;• Bifurcation of campuses seems counterintuitive to a unified St. Louis campus</td>
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<td>• What are the legalities of this action?</td>
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<td>The Faculty Senate President and the Executive Committee are in discussions with University administration regarding the recent announcement by Father Biondi of reorganization within the Provost’s office. Please forward any concerns or comments to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will keep you informed of further developments.</td>
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<td>Next Meeting</td>
<td>Tuesday, October 27, 2009, LRC, Auditorium B, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, (FS Secretary presides in President’s absence)</td>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.</td>
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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  September 29, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hoechst
Secretary, Faculty Senate
Report of the President and Executive Committee (EC)

1. Summer EC Activity
Much of the EC Summer activity included the recommendations of outstanding faculty representatives to various university-wide committees. The EC met at least monthly to plan the 2009 Schedule of meetings and events.

2. New SLU Faculty Orientation
Most of the EC was able to attend the new SLU Faculty Orientation resource fair and luncheon. The new faculty were engaged and asked many questions about the FS and its role in university faculty life.

3. SLU Convocation at the Chaifetz Arena
It was an impressive sight to watch the stream of faculty and administrators file into the Chaifetz Arena for the Convocation ceremony. The parents and students were delighted to spend some time meeting the faculty, staff, and administrators who greeted them on the arena floor. Thanks to all for your participation in this university citizenship event.

4. New Faculty Senator Orientation
Approximately 15 new faculty senators met with the EC to become better acquainted with the Senate and the expectations of them in their role as senators.

5. Meetings with Interim Provost Patankar
We continued the tradition of meeting with Interim Provost Patankar on a monthly basis as was practiced with Provost Weixlmann. We plan to schedule meetings with VP/Dean Alderson on a regular basis as well.

6. FS Kick-Off Event
Standing committees met with their EC Chairs prior to the Social. The EC Chairs were to ask committee members for input regarding proposed charges for each committee. The focus of the charges should be congruent with the Shared Governance Action Plan. The proposed charges will be reviewed by the EC.

The fire during our event was certainly unexpected, but everyone cleared the St. Louis Room and returned to the party when the “all clear” was issued.

Dr. Patankar addressed the attendees and highlighted the President’s Research Award. Details of the award are forthcoming and will be shared at a later date.

Fr. Biondi shared an update of SLU building and land purchases in the area and the proposed plans for the buildings. The closure of the Grand bridge was discussed as well as an update on how the university is caring for the students with Influenza Like Illness. Fr. called the reorganization of the Provost’s office and responsibilities a title change.
7. Reorganization of the Provost’s Office
The EC has received a number of calls and e-mails regarding the changes made in theProvost’s office. This issue continues to be discussed among EC members and a list of faculty concerns has been sent to Fr., Dr. Patankar, and Dr. Alderson.

8. Faculty Members on Key Committees
A list of Faculty Senators, committee members on standing committees, and faculty representatives to Board of Trustee committees can be found as links on the Faculty Senate home page. Many thanks to Miriam Joseph for being the Webmaster of the FS Website.

9. Sustainability
I challenge each of the faculty to discontinue use of water bottles and to refill water containers. There will be no further offer of water bottles at Senate meetings; a water station will be offered instead.