

ASH meeting, Feb 15, 2023

Meeting held in person in Caddo Room (rm. 305), LSU Student Union at 2.35 PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:32 PM by Chairperson Williams.
2. Attendance
Voting members present: Cathy Williams, Maribel Dietz, Sanaz Aghazadeh, Ipsita Gupta, Bob Mann, Suzanne Stauffer, Christopher Gregg, Kimberly Sparr, John Church

Not present: Mustajab Mirza, Kristopher Palagi, Kanchan Maiti (on the ocean for 3 months),

Non-voting members present: Jackie Bach, Phil Verpil, Andrea Jones, Michael Blandino, Clay Benton, Walt Holliday, Erin Schell

Guests: Courtney Kirschner, LSU Online; Kayla Mike, LSU Online; Emma Long and Calvin Feldt, LSU students.
3. No public comments were made.
4. The Chair welcomed guests to the meeting.
5. Minutes of the January 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mann, seconded by Church. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Update on earlier proposals: The Education and History proposals moved up, but not the overall Graduate school proposal. The faculty president wants to present it in front of the full faculty senate. Manship proposal has not passed and has instead been referred to the adjudication committee. They have our minutes. Chair thanks us for our hard work for that. If you can't attend our meetings, please designate a proxy either from your department or ask another member of the committee. Do not give your proxy to the chair.
7. Proposal from the Department of Entomology to remove GRE requirement for graduate admission. Initially it arrived without the dean's signature; it was sent it back and returned with the signature. Stauffer moved to suspend the second reading, Church seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dietz moved to approve the proposal, Gupta seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Proposal from Student Government to create a Provost's List for LSU online students. This proposal from Student Government would create a college honor for LSU Online students who currently are not eligible. It would be an equivalent to the Dean's List. Jones asked why do a Provost's list instead of Dean's list or President's list. Student representative Emma Long stated that they looked at what was available on campus and asked LSU Online students for what would work for them. Schell pointed out a typo on the hours. Stauffer and Gregg pointed out Online needed to be capitalized. Student representative Feldt stated that the different name for the list was to create a difference between the other lists. Benton ask why distance learning students were not eligible for the other lists and whether or not the catalog language could be changed. Kayla Mike from LSU Online stated that this could not be done since the terms are different between LSU and LSU Online. Gupta asked if a student on dean's list who came to LSU Online could qualify for Dean's list and this was answered with a Yes. Much discussion ensued about the name "Provost list" due to the ranking of the Provost above Deans. Other names were suggested: Online Dean's list, Cyber dean, Online dean. Gregg asked about the modules and terms, and why not consider consecutive modules. Mike stated that they use modules for other things too. Benton stated that the names are going to change

and asked that if it stretches between modules. Jones asked how many students would have qualified for this distinction if it were already in place. Mike stated that they didn't have the numbers yet. Benton said that he could get the data and asked if the 3.5 was combined or a semester average. Feldt answered that it would be the semester average. Chair stated that this is the first reading and asked for some edits, fixing of typos, a bit more detail. Since there was concern with the name, they need to add justification about the name choice. They were asked to send it back for a second reading --- with edits.

9. Proposal from the Department of Economics to require 2.50 GPA for admission to the ECONA (Intercollege program). There are three economics programs, the other two have this requirement, but Econ A doesn't. Econ A is housed in HSS. Jones asked how many people switch from ECON S to Econ A due to GPA issues. This was not known. Benton noted that only GPA at LSU is for LSU coursework. Gupta asked if there was a problem in not using average GPA and only taking the lower GPA. Bach asked if we need to take out the system wide GPA now or in two years due to the changes. Benton stated that right now it is redundant. A verbiage change was asked for (LSU and overall GPA at 2.5 or above).
10. Benton gave an update on the Math proposals. They cannot be considered now since they have to do with placement and so it must go to Courses and Curriculum committee. One of the proposals still needs the approval from their college.
11. Next meeting is March 22.
12. Meeting adjourned (motion by Stauffer, seconded by Mann) at 3:35 pm.