

## **Newcomb-Tulane College Faculty Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

**Stone Auditorium Rm#210 Bldg#82**

- I. Meeting starts Grant introduces McKeown
- II. McKeown introduces minutes. Minutes are approved.
- III. Grant discusses NTC reorganization, introduces four assistant and associate deans and their subdirectories, discusses personnel movement
- IV. Grant reviews NTC standing committees established by the constitution, particularly vacancies and/or discrepancies in the composition of the committees
- V. Standing committee reports. Grant represented Executive Committee and had nothing to report
- VI. Schrader reports on Honors Committee. Of note
  - approximately 25% of the incoming class of ~1740 will be honors
  - 70% of honors students admitted accepted
  - Honors first-year colloquium determined to be community building candidates applied for Fulbright and 17 were finalists
  - 52 thesis writers out of 94 honors students
- VII. Lusnia introduces Study Abroad Committee. Of note
  - 784 students will be going abroad next academic year, up considerably from last year.
  - Several new study abroad programs announced
  - New process for faculty-led study abroad discussed and will be appended to the Committee report and put on line on the web
- VIII. Curriculum Committee presented by Lay, with nothing to report.
- IX. Curriculum Committee presented by Vail. Of note,
  - 79 petitions were reviewed by the committee, mostly having to do with waivers of NTC requirements
  - Volume of petitions and urgency of some warrants a formal procedure, to include chair adjudicating non-controversial petitions (category of non-controversial petitions established by constitutional procedure)
  - Discussion of rule allowing students to late-drop one time in their first two years without a waiver.

- X. Academic Integrity Committee presented by Rodning. Of note,
- Maxient online academic integrity reporting system is not live
- XI. Grant reports no reports from Special Committees and no unfinished business
- XII. Academic Affairs reported on by Lay. Of note,
- Faculty chair of honor board position announced
  - Concerns about the honor code discussed and how issues with the code potentially compromise academic integrity process
  - New proposed honor code discussed (distributed prior to the meeting)
  - Standard of clear and convincing evidence changed to "preponderance of the evidence"
  - classes designed to discourage repeat offenses under consideration
  - Discussion of range of sanctions available to the faculty
  - added language pertaining to school of professional advancement
  - Vail asked about how Honor Board rules apply to conduct in the Goldman Testing Center
  - A great deal of conversation took place about the role of NTC Academic Integrity committee in violations and alleged violations involving SOPA students
  - Mayer expressed concerns about the administrative burden of electronic reporting
  - Considerable discussion ensued concerning challenges for faculty with regard to reporting suspected violations of academic integrity
  - Maxient online form discussed
- XIII. Grant wrapped up meeting with discussion of sophomore declaration day and moved to adjourn
- XIV. Meeting adjourned