

The committee had no report.

Faculty Welfare:

The committee met on March 17, 2008, to discuss an Academic Program Review Policy. In addition, the group drafted a resolution regarding Shared Governance. The committee is currently working on developing a Faculty Development Remediation Program.

Faculty Handbook:

The committee's work is complete.

Fiscal Affairs:

The committee will meet next week; report to follow.

Enrollment Management Council:

Senator Wilson reported no notification of any meeting; President Steckline will mention this at the Executive Board meeting.

SGA/STAP:

Senator Sutherlin was not present to give a report.

Faculty Advisory Council:

FAC met in Baton Rouge on March 28, 2008, and President Steckline provided the update. The last meeting of the group will occur on April 25, 2008.

Shared Governance Report:

President Steckline encouraged senators to attend the focus group sessions; there should be a Senator in each group. She asked if schedules had gone out to all colleges; they had not. It was suggested that Dr. Paxton Oliver send out a campus wide notice of times of focus groups.

New Business:

Faculty Welfare Business:

1. Academic Program Review

The committee presented a plan for Academic Program Review in response to the Provost's request in February to Senator Rhorer that the Senate design such a program by March 31, 2008. Discussion followed. The plan, which will not apply to accredited programs that have their own guidelines and cycles for review, will be presented to the Provost at

the next Executive Board meeting. The plan follows:

Academic Program Review Policy

Each academic program, which does not already have an accreditation process, will invite a team of two external peer reviewers from peer institutions to review the program once every five years.

The purpose of this review will be to identify and praise strengths and when required to offer suggestions for improvement.

Academic Affairs shall provide a packet to the Dean for use by the peer reviewers, which comprises information pertaining to items 1-6 from existing databases except where departmental expertise is necessary to

from the focus groups before we moved on any resolution. Senator Rush moved to table the motion. Senator Schween provided the second. Ten voted to table; two were opposed; three abstained.

Higher Education Legislation:

The body discussed a bill to come before the state legislature, which would allow Intelligent Design to be taught as an alternative idea in schools. The item was referred to Academic Standards.

Members discussed pending legislation that could change the current sick leave policy to paid time off policy. Executive Board will discuss the issue at its next meeting with the administration.

Members also discussed the bill under consideration that would allow concealed handguns on campus. Senator Palmer moved that we state that we are not in support of legislation to carry concealed weapons on campus. Senasupport ~~DO NOT REPLY TO THIS~~ that allow