



with a direct link for communication with them to ask questions, raise concerns, if and when an assessment and accreditation issue is not being satisfactorily addressed by a program, department, college or university. Faculty Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in April and will have a full report then. Academic Standards indicated they had explored implementations of + and – grading systems (transcript grades that reflect an earned B+, B, B-, distinctions), finding many satisfactions on both faculty and student levels at many schools throughout the country, but advised not rushing to implement the change that LSU-BR is adopting, as a bandwagon response, to wait and see the challenges they face and then evaluate. Fiscal Affairs remains a mystery to all and every as we know cuts are coming, but the depth and breadth of those cuts are not clear to anyone at the moment. Elections reported that voting will take place before the end of March. Faculty Handbook reported that revisions are completed on the first and last thirds of the Handbook, that the middle is murky on several fronts, but that the Handbook will preserve the separation of promotion from tenure, tenure from promotion, and will not reflect the Vice President of Academic Affairs “powerpoint” claim that there is no tenure without promotion.

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