



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, November 3, 2025

Dalton Woods Auditorium

Energy, Coast and Environment Building

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

P=Present

A=Absent

Name	Position	College	Attendance
Daniel Tirone	President	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Inessa Bazayev	Past President	Music and Dramatic Arts	P
Parampreet Singh	Vice President	Science	P
Michelle Osborn	Secretary	Veterinary Medicine	P
Kyla Kazuschyk	Member-at-Large	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Kenneth Lopata	Member-at-Large	Science	P
Kristen Healy	Member-at-Large	Agriculture	P

Senators

Name	College	Attendance	Name	College	Attendance
Aly Mousaad Aly	Engineering	P	Julia Ledet	Science	P
Kayanush Aryana	Agriculture	P	Yong-Hwan Lee	Science	A
Scott Baldridge	Science	P	Yuwei Li	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Trina Biswas	Agriculture	P	Donald Lund	Business	P
Brett Boutwell	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Paul Manthei	Human Sciences and Education	P
Christine Bruening	Art and Design	P	Giulio Mariotti	Coast and Environment	P
Summer Chandler	Law Center	Alt: Tracy Norton	Sarah Mathews	Science	P
Yan Chen	Agriculture	P	Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Rebecca Christofferson	Veterinary Medicine	Alt: Basal Abuaita	Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	A

Name	College	Attendance	Name	College	Attendance
Haley Cobb	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt: Samuel Morris	Marcia Newcomer	Science	A
Robert Cook	Science	P	Michelle Osborn	Veterinary Medicine	P
Jeanette Cremer	Veterinary Medicine	P	Andre Pagliarini	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt: Alecia Long
Charles Delzell	Science	P	Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Noah DeWitt	Agriculture	P	Ray Pingree	Mass Communication	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	P	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	Alt: Joan King
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	P	James Sauls	Science	A
Peter Doran	Science	Alt: Suniti Karunatillake	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Joshua Ellis	Human Sciences and Education	P	Jennifer Scott	Human Sciences and Education	Alt: Priscilla Allen
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	A	Samuel Snow	Engineering	P
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	A	Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Edward Gibbons	Human Sciences and Education	P	Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Charles Goodman	Music and Dramatic Arts	A	Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	P
Lauren Griffin	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Vanessa Uhlig	Music and Dramatic Arts	P
Kristen Healy	Agriculture	P	Bulent Unel	Business	P
Michael Holt	LSU Libraries	P	Willem Van Boxtel	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P	Ted Waldron	Business	A
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	A	Jian Xu	Engineering	A
Revati Kumar	Science	A	Seungwon Yang	Human Sciences and Education	P
Patty Lathan	Veterinary Medicine	P	Jun Zou	Art and Design	P

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Tracy Blanchard	Office of Disability Services	P	Michael Pasquier	HSS	P
Emmett Brown	Enrollment Management and Student Success	P	Jackie Bach	OAA	P
Emily Hatfield	LSU OAA	P	Tracy Norton	Law	P
Craig Woolley	LSU ITS	P	Trevor Paul	Facilities Organizational Development	P
Fabio Capra-Ribeiro	Art & Design	P	Alexander Lee	Vet Med	P
Amy Self-Pittman	Law	P	Nolde Alexius	English	P

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:05 pm on November 3, 2025, at the Dalton Woods Auditorium at the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. President Tirone

announced alternates and guests. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted.

In his report, President Tirone discussed the impending selection of the new system President by the Board of Supervisors. He expressed disappointment that interim President Lee did not advance in the search, as he is highly respected and valued by the faculty and met or exceeded all the criteria for the position established by the board. He also mentioned his unease at the current state of LSU, faculty that have become demoralized throughout the search, and concerns from the broader community about the negative impacts of a potentially compromised research mission. He encouraged the Board of Supervisors to consider how their choice will affect all the stakeholders who are watching and awaiting their decision.

The first item of new business was “Proposed Change to the Date for Resigning or Dropping Courses”, which was presented by Emmett Brown, Interim Vice President, Enrollment Management & Student Success. The goal of the proposal was to move the “W” drop deadline from the Friday of the 11th week to the Friday of the 14th week of class. It cited easing administrative burden, enhancing student advising, addressing financial aid/academic standing implications, responding to changing student demographics and needs, and supporting faculty instruction and course management in justification for the proposed change. ASH’s approval of the proposal served as the motion for approval by the FS and the Senate entered into discussion. Brown answered questions and comments from the Senate floor that included ones asking for clarification and varied viewpoints expressing concern or support for the proposal. Multiple faculty asked about proposal alternatives, including changing the deadline from the fourteenth week and replicating the MIT model. The Senate then proceeded to a vote either in favor or against the proposal as written. The nays were in the majority and the proposal was not approved. Brown stated he would bring the proposal back to ASH after considering Senators’ feedback.

The Faculty Senate ad hoc Generative AI Committee then presented “The Draft Guidelines on the Use of Generative AI in Curriculum”. Committee members are Param Singh (Chair, Science), Fabio Capra-Ribeiro (Vice Chair, Art & Design), Seungwon Yang (Secretary, Human Science and Education), Inessa Bazayev (Music & Dramatic Arts), Alexander Lee (Veterinary Medicine), Tracy Norton (Law Center), Michelle Osborn (Veterinary Medicine), Aimee Self Pittman (Law Library), Ingmar Schoegl (Engineering), Mayank Tyagi (Engineering), Trevor Paul (Finance & Administration Staff). The presentation included: i. an introduction of the committee and its charge; ii. The scope and overview of the prepared guidelines; iii. specifics about student guidelines and permitted and prohibited uses of AI; iv. specifics about faculty guidelines and staff recommendations; v. exemplar syllabus statements, including prohibited, permitted with disclosure and reflection, limited permission versions, and assessments standards; vi. and recommendations for the LSU community, including to create a standing FS committee to address the constant changes of GAI. The guidelines for curriculum were distributed for review. Singh addressed questions and comments from the Senate floor that included clarifying questions and suggestions to consider mainstream vs. local models of GAI, provide specific examples throughout the guidelines, and to consider language carefully to differentiate these technologies from actual humans. Faculty with further comments/concerns can email Singh. The committee will next work on the guidelines for research.

Tracy Blanchard, Director, Disability Services then gave a presentation on “Revisiting Attendance Accommodations: Aligning Access with Academic Standards”. In her presentation, Blanchard clarified the differences between and overlap of absences due to chronic conditions, which require accommodation, and other absences covered by PS-22. Currently, the system for keeping track of the number of allowable absences for students with an accommodation for consideration for absences lacks transparency, is variable depending on class type, lacks a way to monitor between students/faculty/DS, has no plan for intervention, and suffers communication failure during peak time periods. Blanchard introduced the Flex Plan, a module in AIM that is commonly used in other institutions. The module

takes care of the issues and can be used even for non-accommodation students. Blanchard is gauging interest and asking for feedback before piloting it in the Spring semester. Blanchard addressed questions and comments from the Senate floor that included clarifying questions and whether this could be linked to Student Workday. She also agreed to provide the powerpoint so that it could be shared with faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm following a motion by Baldrige. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary