



LSU Faculty Senate Meeting
 3:00 pm, April 11, 2024
 Dalton Woods Auditorium
 Energy, Coast and Environment Building

Approved of the Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:
Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

P=Present
 A=Absent

Name	Position	College	Attendance
Inessa Bazayev	President	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Mandi Lopez	Past President	Veterinary Medicine	A
Daniel Tirone	Vice President	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Parampreet Singh	Secretary	Science	P
Kyla Kazuschyk	Member-at-Large	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Michelle Osborn	Member-at-Large	Veterinary Medicine	P
Kevin Ringelman	Member-at-Large	Agriculture	P

Senators

Name	College	Attendance		Name	College	Attendance
Achyut Adhikari	Agriculture	A		Robert Mann	Mass Communication	Alternate: Judith Sylvester
Priscilla Allen	Human Sciences and Education	P		Paul Manthei	Human Sciences and Education	A
Kayanush Aryana	Agriculture	P		Sarah Mathews	Science	P
Scott Baldrige	Science	P		Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Maria Bampasidou	Agriculture	P		Marcia Newcomer	Science	P
John Bardes	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alternate: Meredith Veldman		Wayne Newhauser	Science	A

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Estanislado Barrera	Human Sciences and Education	P		Michelle Osborn	Veterinary Medicine	P
Gerald Baumgartner	Engineering	P		Patricia Queiroz-Williams	Veterinary Medicine	A
Brett Boutwell	Music and Dramatic Arts	P		Leonard Ray	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
James Canfield	Human Sciences and Education	P		Molly Redfield	Music and Dramatic Arts	P
Yan Chen	Agriculture	Alternate: Jennifer Blanchard		Sarah Peppin Rosser	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
John Church	Law Center	P		Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Fabio Del Piero	Veterinary Medicine	A		Michael Russo	LSU Libraries	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	A		Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	Alternate: Michael Keenan
Kerry Dooley	Engineering	P		Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Thomas Douthat	Coast and Environment	P		Edward Shihadeh	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P		Parampreet Singh	Science	P
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P		Paul Soto	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Matthew Freeman	Humanities and Social Sciences	A		Brenton Stewart	Human Sciences and Education	A
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	A		Chao Sun	Engineering	A
Janene Grodesky	Human Sciences and Education	P		Michelle Todd	Human Sciences and Education	P
Roy Heidelberg	Business	P		Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	P
Achim Herrmann	Science	P		Adriano Vatta	Veterinary Medicine	P
Matthew Hiatt	Coast and Environment	Alternate: Kehui Xu		Paulo Waltrich	Engineering	A
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P		Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alternate: Herman Kelly		Jianan Wu	Business	A
Karim Johari	Humanities and Social Sciences	A		Yejun Wu	Human Sciences and Education	A
Kayla Kazuschyk	Music & Dramatic Arts	P		Alison Zhou	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Revati Kumar	Science	P		Jun Zou	Art and Design	P
Tracy LeBlanc	Humanities and Social Sciences	A				
Joseph Legoria	Business	A				
Kenneth Lopata	Science	P				
James Madden	Science	P				

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Charles Delzell	Professor, College of Science	P	Roy Haggerty	Provost	P
Trent Dunkin	LSU Libraries	P	Arend Van Gemmert	Assoc. Dean CHSE	P
Andrea Hebert	LSU Libraries	P			

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:03 pm on April 11, 2024, at the Dalton Woods Auditorium at the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. President Bazayev announced alternates and introduced guest speakers of the meeting which included Andrew Schwarz, Faculty Lead, Southwest I-Corps Hub from College of Business, and S. Trent Dunkin, and Andrea Hebert from LSU libraries. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted following a motion by Shihadeh.

In her report, President Bazayev provided the following updates: (i) Legislature has introduced a number of bills potentially impacting higher education. Faculty Senate leadership is in active discussions with the LSU administration to monitor the progress of these bills; (ii) A special committee headed by Office of Academic Affairs to give inputs on usage of AI for students has been constituted with faculty representation from different units; (iii) Several complaints have been received regarding noise from the Free Speech Ally near the Student Union. FSEC is working with the Office of Academic Affairs to resolve this issue; (iv) Faculty Senate budget for 2023–24 distributed; (v) Faculty Council Meeting is on Monday 22 April, 3–4pm; (vi) Bazayev gave examples of achievements of the Faculty Senate in the last 2 years in the categories of communication, shared governance, and engagement with administration.

The first item of new business was Faculty Senate Executive Committee Elections for 2024-25. Daniel Tirone was the only confirmed nominee for the President and read his statement. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Tirone was elected unopposed as the President of the Faculty Senate. Parampreet Singh was the only confirmed nominee for the Vice President and read his statement. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Singh was elected unopposed as the Vice President of the Faculty Senate. Kevin Ringelman was the only confirmed nominee for the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. Ringelman withdrew his nomination. Michelle Osborn self-nominated to run for the Secretary and read her statement. There were no additional nominations. Osborn was elected unopposed as the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. For the two Member-at-Large positions, nominees were Kyla Kazuschyk, Kenneth Lopata, James Madden, and Mayank Tyagi who read their statements. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Singh conducted roll call for elections to two Member-at-Large positions. A total of 40 votes were cast in this election and there were 4 abstentions. Kazuschyk and Lopata were elected who got 31 and 27 votes respectively.

The next item of business was Resolution 24-01, “Supporting Academic Freedom and Inquiry through Institutional Neutrality on Social and Political Issues”, sponsored by Scott Baldrige, Charles Delzell, Joshua Ellis, James Garand, Rosemary Peters-Hill, Edward Shihadeh, Wesley Shrum, Samuel Snow, Victor Stater, Jacqueline Stephens, and James R. Stoner, Jr. Baldrige presented motivation and details of this resolution. In an extensive discussion, which included examples of revising the definition of π , and a hypothetical enforcement of string theory, senators discussed pros and cons of this resolution. Lopata moved to suspend the rules to suspend the requirement of the second reading of the resolution. The motion passed by more than 2/3rd vote. After further discussion, Madden made a motion to call the question which passed. The Faculty Senate then voted on the main motion to approve the resolution. This motion passed by a majority vote and the resolution was adopted.

Bazayev then welcomed Andrew Schwarz, Faculty Lead, Southwest I-Corps Hub, and Professor in College of Business who gave a presentation on Raising Awareness for the I-Corps Program. This innovative program aims to address four urgent national needs: (i) Training an entrepreneurial workforce; (ii) Translating technologies; (iii) Enabling positive economic impact; and (iv) Nurturing an innovative ecosystem.

Bazayev then welcomed S. Trent Dunkin, Institutional Repository Librarian, and Andrea Hebert, Research Impact Librarian who gave a presentation on LSU Libraries Services for Faculty: Author Profile Audits and the LSU Scholarly Repository. An author profile audit can help in an accurate representation of faculty work by identifying misattributions and disambiguating and merging profiles. The LSU Scholarly Repository was established in 2016 and primarily hosts electronic theses and dissertations, faculty publications, archival material etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm following a motion by Baldrige. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary