



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, March 24, 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 | A |
| Kenneth Lopata | Member-at-Large | Science | A |
| Carmela Mattza | Member-at-Large | Humanities and Social Sciences | P |

Senators

| Name | College | Attendance | Name | College | Attendance |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Achyut Adhikari | Agriculture | A | Giulio Mariotti | Coast and Environment | P |
| Kayanush Aryana | Agriculture | P | Sarah Mathews | Science | P |
| Maria Bampasidou | Agriculture | A | Carmela Mattza | Humanities and Social Sciences | P |
| John Bardes | Humanities and Social Sciences | P | Supratik Mukhopadhyay | Coast and Environment | P |
| Gerald Baumgartner | Engineering | P | Marcia Newcomer | Science | A |
| Brett Boutwell | Music and Dramatic Arts | P | Wayne Newhauser | Science | A |
| Christine Bruening | Art and Design | P | Michelle Osborn | Veterinary Medicine | P |
| Summer Chandler | Law Center | P | Rosemary Peters-Hill | Humanities and Social Sciences | A |

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| Yan Chen | Agriculture | P | Patricia Queiroz-Williams | Veterinary Medicine | A |
| Rebecca Christofferson | Veterinary Medicine | P | Leonard Ray | Humanities and Social Sciences | A |
| Charles Delzell | Science | P | Michael Russo | LSU Libraries | P |
| Ray Diamond | Law Center | A | Subramaniam Sathivel | Agriculture | P |
| Hallie Dozier | Agriculture | P | Ingmar Schoegl | Engineering | P |
| Mehdi Farasat | Engineering | P | Jennifer Scott | Human Sciences and Education | P |
| Meredith Gaglio | Art and Design | P | Edward Shihadeh | Humanities and Social Sciences | A |
| Charles Goodman | Music and Dramatic Arts | P | Samuel Snow | Engineering | P |
| Lauren Griffin | Humanities and Social Sciences | P | Paul Soto | Humanities and Social Sciences | A |
| Janene Grodesky | Human Sciences and Education | P | Phillip Sprunger | Science | P |
| Achim Herrmann | Science | A | Casey Stannard | Agriculture | P |
| Ryan Hulteen | Human Sciences and Education | P | Min Su | Business | P |
| Catherine Jacquet | Humanities and Social Sciences | A | Chao Sun | Engineering | P |
| Kayla Kazuschyk | Music & Dramatic Arts | A | Michelle Todd | Human Sciences and Education | A |
| Revati Kumar | Science | A | Mayank Tyagi | Engineering | P |
| Patty Lathan | Veterinary Medicine | P | Bulent Unel | Business | P |
| Tracy LeBlanc | Humanities and Social Sciences | P | Willem Van Boxtel | Humanities and Social Sciences | P |
| Julia Ledet | Science | P | Shea Vela-Vick | Science | A |
| Yuwei Li | Humanities and Social Sciences | P | Ted Waldron | Business | A |
| Kenneth Lopata | Science | A | Cathy Williams | Agriculture | P |
| Donald Lund | Business | P | Jian Xu | Engineering | P |
| Paul Manthei | Human Sciences and Education | P | Jun Zou | Art and Design | P |

Guests

| Name | Position | Attendance | Name | Position | Attendance |
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| Keena Arbuthnot | Vice President, Chief Data Officer Dean of the Graduate School | P | Louis Gremillion | External Affairs | P |
| Sheantal Baker | Director of Benefits and Retirement | P | Roy Heidelberg | | |
| Matthew Calamia | | | Craig Woolley | | |
| Jackie Bach | Office of Academic Affairs | P | Roy Haggerty | Provost | |

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:03 pm on March 24, 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 (i) the well-received academic freedom event, (ii) details of the upcoming Faculty Council Meeting, (iii) the planned attendance survey that will soon be available to faculty, (iv) the work of the Faculty Senate ad hoc Generative AI Committee, (v) the need for faculty service on a Library

Committee focused on the prioritization of journal subscriptions and acquisitions, (vi) the role of the Faculty Senate in increasing professional development opportunities for faculty as part of the Student Success Initiative, (vii) highlighted the recipients of LSU Faculty Awards. A question was addressed after the report.

The first item of unfinished business was the second reading of Resolution 25-02, “Laptop/Desktop Purchases for Faculty by LSU”, Sponsored by LSU Faculty Senate ad hoc IT Committee and LSU Information Technology Services. The floor was opened to discussion. Baumgartner made a motion to amend the resolution by striking “...5-year...” in the “Resolved...” and replacing it with “...4-year...” The motion carried and the resolution was amended. Discussion returned to the main resolution. After some discussion, the senate proceeded to a vote of the main motion to adopt Faculty Senate Resolution 25-02 as amended. The motion carried and the amended resolution was adopted.

The first item of new business was the Presentation on Faculty Senate Executive Committee Positions and Nominations. Past President Bazayev detailed the responsibilities of FSEC as a committee and for each individual position within FSEC. There were no questions. President Tirone then announced the confirmed nominations from the Nominating Committee and invited nominations from the floor; there were none.

Osborn made a motion to suspend the agenda and take up the presentation by the TRSL/ORP Retirement Task Force. The motion was approved.

TRSL/ORP Retirement Task Force members Keena Arbuthnot, Vice President, Chief Data Officer and Dean of the Graduate School, Joan Pender McManus Distinguished Professor of Education; Sheantel Baker, Director of Benefits and Retirement; and Parampreet Singh, Vice President, LSU Faculty Senate; summarized the membership and work of the task force from the past year, stated the recommendations they made for the 2025 legislative session, and provided updates for current legislation action based on these recommendations. Louis Gremillion, Assistant Director of Government Relations LSU, answered questions after the presentation.

The next item of new business was Resolution 25-03, “Increasing ORP Employer Contribution Rate to 8%”, Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Benefits Advisory Committee. Roy Heidelberg, Chair of the Committee gave the first reading of the resolution.

Keena Arbuthnot, Vice President, Chief Data Officer and Dean of the Graduate School, Joan Pender McManus Distinguished Professor of Education; and Matthew Calamia, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Associate Professor, Psychology gave a presentation on the Graduate School at a Glance in which the discussed new developments and leadership at the Graduate School. Questions and comments were answered after the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm following a motion by Lathan. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary