



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, January 14, 2026

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 Baldrige	Science	P	Yuwei Li	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
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	P	Sarah Mathews	Science	P
Yan Chen	Agriculture	P	Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt: Joshua Allbright
Rebecca Christofferson	Veterinary Medicine	P	Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	A
Haley Cobb	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Marcia Newcomer	Science	A

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Robert Cook	Science	P	Michelle Osborn	Veterinary Medicine	P
Jeanette Cremer	Veterinary Medicine	A	Andre Pagliarini	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Charles Delzell	Science	P	Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Noah DeWitt	Agriculture	P	Ray Pingree	Mass Communication	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	P	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	A
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	P	James Sauls	Science	A
Peter Doran	Science	P	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Joshua Ellis	Human Sciences and Education	Alt: Jennifer Baumgartner	Jennifer Scott	Human Sciences and Education	A
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P	Samuel Snow	Engineering	A
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	P	Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Edward Gibbons	Human Sciences and Education	P	Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Charles Goodman	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	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	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	P	Jian Xu	Engineering	A
Revati Kumar	Science	P	Seungwon Yang	Human Sciences and Education	P
Patty Lathan	Veterinary Medicine	A	Jun Zou	Art and Design	P

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Jackie Bach	OAA	P	Brandi Roberts	Chief Financial Officer of the LSU System	P
Jane Cassidy	OAA	P	Tara Rose	OIE	P
Mallory Danzy	OAA	P	Emily Hatfield	OAA	P
Angie Mann	Accounts Payable and Travel	P	Jessie Gray	OAA	P
Kristin Mauch	Institutional Effectiveness Council	P	Roy Heidelberg	Business	P
Michael Pasquier	HSS	P	Lee Daigle	OIE	P
Troy Blanchard	OAA	P			

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:02 pm on January 14, 2026, 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 covered several topics including i. a mention of the Spring 2026 Faculty Colloquium; ii. an advertisement for the Library Needs Survey and their quarterly e-newsletter; and iii. notification of the Phased Retirement Task Force Report. He also introduced the new Faculty Senator Coordinator, Kelsey Brannon. There were no questions.

The first item of new business was “Proposal to Amend Graduate School Regulations on I-Grade Remediation”, which was presented by Paul Manthei, JD, PhD, Director of Logistics for Online & Continuing Education Partnerships and Graduate Advisor, Online M.A. Higher Education Administration. The goals of the proposal were more consistency and fairness in the I-grade remediation processes for on-line and on-campus students. This change will not affect on-campus students. Discussion included a comment about inconsistent language in the three sections of the catalogue that address I-grades and a suggestion to make the language consistent throughout the catalog. The proposal was approved by the ASH committee and, thus, no motion was needed from the Senate Floor; the proposal moved directly to a vote to approve. The proposal was approved.

In the first presentation, Jane Cassidy, Senior Vice Provost and Angie Mann, Business Solution Manager, Accounts Payable and Travel summarized the history of the international travel registry and provided a demo for the process, including how to fill out the spend authorization. Changes went into effect on January 1st. Questions from the floor sought clarification about the process, including how to define long layovers, the use of burner phones, selecting export control, and separation of personal and business travel during the same trip.

In the next presentation, Brandi Roberts, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration and Mallory Danzy, Director of Academic Personnel & Policy discussed the process to make requests to the Administrative Process Improvement Committee (APIC). This committee examines processes and seeks relief for faculty from administrative burdens. Faculty can request assistance both anonymously via online form or via email, which is not anonymous, but has the advantage of receiving a direct response. Anything you submit is open to public records request. The committee meets monthly during the academic year. Academic policy matters directly related to instruction or research should be directed to OAA or FS. Questions from the floor included multiple comments about difficulties with Workday, limitations with LaCarte, and praise for this committee and its work.

In the final presentation Kristin Mauch, Associate Dean of Student Services and Associate Professor of Practice of Architecture and Tara Rose, Associate Vice Provost, Office of Institutional Effectiveness discussed the Course Experience Survey. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee has been working to re-configure course evaluations in response to many issues, including low response rates from students. The committee would like to focus the evaluations on the learning environment instead of on specific instructors. The current survey has eight prompts and these would be consistent across campus. The survey was piloted in the Fall in general education classes and is slated to replace the current evaluations at the end of the Spring semester. The discussion was lively and topics included faculty being surprised about not being aware that such a change was being considered and suddenly implemented, concern about the focus of the survey and how it would affect the variety of courses available on campus, the importance of student participation being evaluated, and the larger question of the value of teaching evaluations and alternative ways to evaluate teaching.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm following a motion by Cook. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary