



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, March 23, 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	A	Yong-Hwan Lee	Science	A
Scott Baldrige	Science	P	Yuwei Li	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Trina Biswas	Agriculture	P	Donald Lund	Business	A
Brett Boutwell	Music and Dramatic Arts	A	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: Liliana Naranjo
Rebecca Christofferson	Veterinary Medicine	A	Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	P
Haley Cobb	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt: Teairra Evans	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	A
Charles Delzell	Science	P	Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Noah DeWitt	Agriculture	A	Ray Pingree	Mass Communication	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	P	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	A
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	Alt: Amin Rafiei	James Sauls	Science	A
Peter Doran	Science	P	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	A
Joshua Ellis	Human Sciences and Education	P	Jennifer Scott	Human Sciences and Education	Alt: Laura Ainsworth
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P	Samuel Snow	Engineering	Alt: Amin Rafiei
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	P	Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Edward Gibbons	Human Sciences and Education	A	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	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	A
Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	A	Jian Xu	Engineering	A
Revati Kumar	Science	Alt: Donghui Zhang	Seungwon Yang	Human Sciences and Education	A
Patty Lathan	Veterinary Medicine	P	Jun Zou	Art and Design	P

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Matthew Calamia	PGLGS	P			
Sean Courtney	ORED	P			
Jason Drodgy	Lead, Flagship Transformation Office	P			
Jackie Bach	OAA	P			
Troy Blanchard	OAA	P			

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:07 pm on March 23, 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 as distributed.

In his report, President Tirone discussed i. the success of the Panel on Engaging Students in Large Classes, ii. provided an update on the Senior Vice Chancellor & Provost search, iii. advertised the upcoming distribution of the Attendance and Generative Artificial Intelligence Surveys, iv. made a request for faculty with expertise in program and course evaluation to participate in the Course Evaluation Committee, v. and advertised the Geaux Big Volunteer Opportunity. There were no questions or comments from the floor.

Tirone then provided a summary of the roles of the officers of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, have an overview of the upcoming FSEC elections, and presented the current candidates. He asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. The nominating committee will be requesting biographical sketches and candidate statements that will be shared with the Senators before the election at the next FS meeting on April 21, 2026.

The first item of new business was Proposal to Change Policy Regarding LSU Faculty Eligibility to Pursue Advanced Degrees at LSU. Dr. Matthew Calamia, Associate Dean of the Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School, gave a brief presentation of the proposal in which faculty would be able to pursue advanced graduate degrees at LSU with certain conditions and oversight. Discussion points sought clarification for who would be affected by this change, how the proposal came to be, and that this change also applies to online degrees. 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.

Sean Courtney, Associate Vice President for Compliance, Integrity, Analytics and Research Security, then have a presentation on “Research Security Training Renewals and Updates”. He thanked faculty for their participation in the program and described how LSU benefits from this participation. He also reminded faculty that this is training that needs to be updated annually.

Jason Droddy, Lead, Flagship Transformation Office, then gave a presentation on the Flagship Transformation Initiative. In response to the Board of Supervisors vote to realign the 5 research universities into one flagship, the Transformation Initiative has established 25 committees/panels to work on all matters related to this transformation. Droddy reported that this undertaking is happening in two phases; currently they are in the first phase that focuses on basic changes, alignments, and ensuring equal treatment across campuses. In the interest of transparency, they have developed a website that will be frequently updated. There were no questions or comments from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm following a motion by Baldrige. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary