



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, August 27, 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	A
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
Carmela Mattza	Member-at-Large	Humanities and Social Sciences	P

Senators

Name	College	Attendance	Name	College	Attendance
Aly Mousaad Aly	Engineering	P	Yuwei Li	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Kayanush Aryana	Agriculture	P	Donald Lund	Business	P
Trina Biswas	Agriculture	P	Paul Manthei	Human Sciences and Education	P
Brett Boutwell	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Giulio Mariotti	Coast and Environment	A
Christine Bruening	Art and Design	P	Sarah Mathews	Science	A
Summer Chandler	Law Center	A	Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Yan Chen	Agriculture	P	Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	P
Rebecca Christofferson	Veterinary Medicine	P	Marcia Newcomer	Science	A
Robert Cook	Science	P	Michelle Osborn	Veterinary Medicine	P

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Charles Delzell	Science	P	Andre Pagliarini	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Noah DeWitt	Agriculture	Vinit Sehgal alt	Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	P	Ray Pingree	Mass Communication	P
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	P	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	Joan King alt
Peter Doran	Science	P	James Sauls	Science	P
Joshua Ellis	Human Sciences and Education	P	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P	Jennifer Scott	Human Sciences and Education	A
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	P	Samuel Snow	Engineering	P
Edward Gibbons	Human Sciences and Education	P	Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Charles Goodman	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Lauren Griffin	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	P
Kristen Healy	Agriculture	P	Vanessa Uhlig	Music and Dramatic Arts	P
Michael Holt	LSU Libraries	P	Bulent Unel	Business	P
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P	Willem Van Boxtel	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Shea Vela-Vick	Science	Scott Baldridge alt
Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	P	Ted Waldron	Business	P
Revati Kumar	Science	A	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Patty Lathan	Veterinary Medicine	A	Jian Xu	Engineering	P
Julia Ledet	Science	A	Seungwon Yang	Human Sciences and Education	P
		P	Jun Zou	Art and Design	A

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Claire Sassic Young	OIE	P	Jane Cassidy	OAA	P
Jonathan Snow	Pol Comm	P	Matt Lee	Interim President	P
Mike Salassi	Col. Of Ag	P	Ashley Arceneaux	Office of the President	P
Emily Hatfield	OAA	P	Michael Pasquier	HSS	P
Ryan Landry	Office of the President	P	Troy Blanchard	Interim Vice President & Provost	P

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:04 pm on August 27, 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 as distributed.

In his report, President Tirone provided updates and notable developments over the summer that included both challenges and successes for LSU: i. The Future of LSU; ii. Teaching Resources; iii. Faculty & Staff Raises; iv. Recording Student Attendance or Participation; v. Presidential Search Committee; vi. Starting the New Senate Year. There were no questions from the floor.

After his report, President Tirone introduced Interim President Matthew R. Lee for introductory remarks. Lee was enthusiastic about continuing the open line of communication with the faculty. He reported LSU's strong growth, once again, in freshmen enrollment and the role of faculty in attracting students and helping them succeed. He also stated that the LSU community is delivering on the mission of the university. Lee recognizes the importance of continued investment in LSU's people and infrastructure; he and his office are working with administrative units to arranging organizational resources to make the best use of our money, time, and technologies. Lee then entertained questions from the floor; discussion included the goal of becoming an AAU school and needed facilities.

Tirone then introduced Interim Executive Vice President & Provost Troy C. Blanchard for introductory remarks. Tirone first thanked Blanchard for supporting the reception that took place after the FS meeting. Blanchard expressed excitement about the all that is happening at LSU, even amidst multiple changes in the upper administration. He is actively working to fill these positions (e.g., the interim Dean of the Graduate School and the VP of Enrollment Management). He praised our high enrollment numbers and the quality of our students. Blanchard reported on some of OAA's responsibilities, including student success (e.g., considering the success of students beyond the freshman experience), and supporting faculty in pushing for Top 50/AAU status (e.g., through visiting and learning from AAU schools and developing a leadership program for mid-career faculty).

The first item of new business was "Faculty Senate Adjudication Committee Election". Peters-Hill made a motion to open the floor for nominations and hold the election for the Adjudication Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. The following faculty were elected by acclamation: Kerry Dooley (Engineering), Dominique Homberger (Science), Joseph Legoria (Business), and Cathleen Williams (Ag).

Claire Sassic Young, Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness presented "From Paperwork to Progress: Advancing with Modern Campus Curriculum". Young discussed the Modern Campus program's ability to streamline the proposal process, reduce bottlenecks and manual tasks, and increase transparency and accuracy. Young then answered questions from the faculty about training to use the program and timeline for adoption.

Jane Cassidy, Senior Vice Provost discussed International Travel Registry. Faculty will soon be informed about the launch of a registry for international travel this Fall for the purpose of being able to locate members of the LSU community who are traveling internationally when emergency situations arise. Cassidy then answered questions from the faculty and took feedback and suggestions on how to minimize the time that faculty, staff, and students need to spend on this task.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm following a motion by Baldrige. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary