



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, August 27, 2024

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

Senators (Alternates)

Name	College	Attendance	Name	College	Attendance
Achyut Adhikari	Agriculture	A	Kenneth Lopata	Science	P
Priscilla Allen	Human Sciences and Education	P	Paul Manthei	Human Sciences and Education	P
Kayanush Aryana	Agriculture	P	Giulio Mariotti	Coast and Environment	P
Maria Bampasidou	Agriculture	P	Sarah Mathews	Science	Alt- Bret Elderd
John Bardes	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	A
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	P

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Yan Chen	Agriculture	A	Patricia Queiroz-Williams	Veterinary Medicine	A
Ray Diamond	Law Center	Alt- Nick Davrados	Leonard Ray	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P	Michael Russo	LSU Libraries	P
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	P
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	A	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Lauren Griffin	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Edward Shihadeh	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Janene Grodesky	Human Sciences and Education	P	Samuel Snow	Engineering	P
Achim Herrmann	Science	P	Paul Soto	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt- Haley Cobb
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P	Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Chao Sun	Engineering	P
Karim Johari	Humanities and Social Sciences	A	Michelle Todd	Human Sciences and Education	P
Kayla Kazuschyk	Music & Dramatic Arts	P	Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	P
Revati Kumar	Science	P	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Patty Lathan	Veterinary Medicine	P	Jian Xu	Engineering	P
Tracy LeBlanc	Humanities and Social Sciences	A	Jun Zou	Art and Design	P

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Narcissa Haskins	LSU Libraries	P	Ryan Spalt		P
Lauren Lay	LSU Libraries	P	Ben Erdozain		P
Nicollette Davis	LSU Libraries	P	Dayton White	COB/Staff Senate	P
Andrea Hebert	LSU Libraries	P	Phil Sprunger	Physics	P
Mitch Fontenot	LSU Libraries	P	Jane Cassidy	OAA	P
Hayley Johnson	LSU Libraries	P	Jason Wolfe	HSS/ILC	P
James Murphy	OAA	P	Stanley Wilder	Libraries	P
Sarah Simms	LSU Libraries	P	Scott Baldrige	Math	P
Haley Cobb	HSS	Alternate	Paul Manthei	CHSE	Senator
Gabriela Juarez	HSS	P	Marty Miller	LSU Libraries	P
Jackie Bach	OAA	P			

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:09 pm on August 27, 2024, at the Dalton Woods Auditorium at the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. President Tirone announced alternates and introduced guest speakers of the meeting which included Provost Haggerty, Vice Provost Jackie Bach, and Provost's Fellow Jim Murphy. There were no public comments on any agenda items. A motion for recess was made by Osborn, was seconded, and passed through unanimous consent, to deal with a temporary interruption. The meeting was reconvened at 3:12. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted. President Tirone introduced the members of FSEC and then led a moment of silence in memoriam of Faculty Senator, Dr. Yejun Wu.

In his report, President Tirone provided updates and notable developments over the summer: (i) faculty and staff merit raises; (ii) the FY2026 budget; (iii) planned ORP/TRSL Townhalls; (iv) Student Advocacy

& Accountability pilot program for informal resolution of academic infractions; (v) change in state law affect coverage and reimbursement of special meals from state funds; (vi) new remote learning plan for campus closures; (vii) Faculty Senate committee recruitment; (viii) orientations for new Faculty Senators and Committee Chairs. At the end of his report, President Tirone thanked Past President Bazayev for her service with an award. There were no questions from the floor.

President Tirone then introduced Provost Haggerty. Provost Haggerty also thanked Past President Bazayev for her service and voiced optimism of continuing a strong partnership with the faculty led by new President Tirone. He then reported evidence of growth at LSU and credits LSU faculty for these developments: (i) faculty raises from re-allocated, self-generated funds; (ii) significant increase in sponsored program expenditures; (iii) faculty achievements including published books (Kyla Kazuschyk and Stephen Finley) and leadership of important societies (Suzanne Marchand, Gabriela Gonzalez); (iv) increased freshmen class enrollment; (v) increased retention rates. He next discussed the goal for LSU to join the AAU and the use of their metrics for further development in and focus on scholarship. With AAU membership in mind, a couple of changes are being made: (i) the position of “Professor of Instruction” (non-tenure track) is being proposed across the system; (ii) individuals will no longer be hired into the tenure-track at the library. Questions and comments from the floor included critiques of the change to tenure at the library, and requests for clarification about the Professor of Instruction line.

President Tirone then introduced Vice Provost Jackie Bach, Vice President Param Singh and Provost Fellow James Murphy, and Chief Information Officer Craig Woolley (traveling) to provide an update on the Faculty Technology Survey that was given in Spring 2024. Faculty participation was strong with over 600 responses to the survey and more than 150 faculty wanting to take part in focus groups. Focus groups met in the Summer to review the survey data. The report included details for 4 touch points of faculty concern: Moodle, Classroom technology & software, Faculty Tech Support, Generative Artificial Intelligence. Next steps include (i) summarizing the survey findings on a website; (ii) Faculty IT committee and ITS continuing to explore solutions. Questions and comments from the floor included asking students for their opinions/experiences using Moodle, discrepancies in classroom technology around campus, and the use of generative AI in courses.

Shihadeh made a motion to suspend the rules and return to Provost Haggerty. The motion was unanimously approved.

Provost Haggerty discussed beta testing for LSU’s MikeGPT and encouraged interested faculty to reach out to his office to get access.

A comment from the floor questioned whether the use of AI by students completing their application packets for school could be identified; LSU has a software to identify potential AI use.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm following a motion by Shihadeh. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary