



Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, April 21, 2026

Dalton Woods Auditorium

Energy, Coast and Environment Building

Draft of the 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 Baldridge	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	A	Giulio Mariotti	Coast and Environment	P
Summer Chandler	Law Center	A	Sarah Mathews	Science	P
Yan Chen	Agriculture	P	Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alt: Aaron Yamada
Rebecca Christofferson	Veterinary Medicine	A	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	Alt: Holly Andrews	Ray Pingree	Mass Communication	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	A	Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	A
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	P	James Sauls	Science	A
Peter Doran	Science	Alt: Jon Snow	Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Joshua Ellis	Human Sciences and Education	P	Jennifer Scott	Human Sciences and Education	Alt: Laura Ainsworth
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	P	Samuel Snow	Engineering	Alt: Hanny Hasan
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	A	Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Edward Gibbons	Human Sciences and Education	Alt: Carina Caraccioli	Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Charles Goodman	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	
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	Alt: David Comeaux	Willem Van Boxtel	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P	Ted Waldron	Business	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	A	Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	A	Jian Xu	Engineering	P
Revati Kumar	Science	A	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
Matthew Calamia	PGLGS	P	Zane Sutor-Benfield	SDS	P
Michael Kaller	Ag	P	Ziad Eissa	SDS	P
Jackie Bach	OAA	P	Ezekiel Martin	SDS/Biol Sci	P
Troy Blanchard	OAA-Provost	P	Margo Wilson	SDS	P
Jane Cassidy	OAA	P	Ryan Spalt	SDS	P
Ryan Landry	Chancellor's Office	P	Enola Guyer	SDS	P

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:06 pm on April 21, 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 was one public comment from Zane Sutor-Benfield, LSU Students for a Democratic Society. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as distributed.

In his report, President Tirone provided brief updates on the status of the search for the Provost, the first meetings of the Course and Instructor Evaluation Committee, and the recent distribution of the FS Attendance and Generative AI surveys. He also reported that the Senate leadership were working with the Administration to keep an eye on state legislation and asked faculty to contact him if they had concerns. Finally, he thanked the Senators and the FSEC members for their service. There were no questions or comments.

The first item of Special Orders was the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Elections for 2026-2027, which were conducted via roll call. All candidates were given one opportunity to speak before the first election in which they ran. Vice President Singh conducted the election for President. Cook made a motion to open the election for President. Daniel Tirone (HSS) was the confirmed nominee for President and there were no additional nominations from the floor. Tirone was elected as President of the Faculty Senate. President Tirone conducted the rest of the elections. Baldrige opened the floor to nominations for Vice President. Kenneth Lopata (Science) was the confirmed nominee for Vice President. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Lopata was elected as Vice President of the Faculty Senate. Cook moved to open the floor for nominations for Secretary. Kyla Kazuschyk (MDA) and Rosemary Peters-Hill (HSS) were confirmed nominees for Secretary. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Kazuschyk and Peters-Hill read their prepared statements. Osborn conducted roll call for the election of Secretary. A total of 36 votes were cast in this election and there were 3 abstentions. Peters-Hill was elected as Secretary of the Faculty Senate with 19 votes. Peters-Hill moved to open floor for nominations from the floor for the two positions for Member-At-Large. Mehdi Farasat (Eng), Kristen Healy (Ag), Kyla Kazuschyk (MDA) were the confirmed nominees for Members-at-Large. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Farasat and Healy read their prepared statements. Osborn conducted roll call for the election of the two Members-at-Large positions. A total of 38 votes were cast in this election and there were 2 abstentions. Kazuschyk and Healy were elected as Members-at-Large with 25 and 30 votes, respectively.

The first item of new business was Proposed Graduate Certificate Revisions. Dr. Matthew Calamia, Associate Dean of the Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School, gave a brief presentation of the proposal that would allow 6000 level courses to be counted for certificate credit; this change particularly affects teaching certificates. There was no discussion. 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 and was unanimously approved.

The second item of new business was Proposed Accelerated Master's Degree Program Revisions. Dr. Matthew Calamia, Associate Dean of the Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School, gave a brief presentation of the proposal that seeks to lower the required GPA and to standardize 12 credit hours from undergraduate to be used for such programs. One question sought clarification about the use of the 12 credit hours. 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 and was unanimously approved.

The third item of new business was Proposed Revisions to Policy Statement 104 Dismissal for Cause for Faculty. Inessa Bazayev, Past-President of the Faculty Senate presented the history of the revision process and briefly described the main changes. Baldrige made a motion to endorse this revision of PS-104 as written. Discussion included clarification about the process for forming the faculty review committee, and support for the revised, detailed process. After discussion, the Senate proceeded to a vote. The Senate voted unanimously to endorse the revised PS-104.

The fourth item of new business was Faculty Senate Resolution 25-01 Grammarly Licenses for Students Without Generative AI. Tirone gave a brief history of the resolution, including its referral to the Generative AI Committee, who has returned to the Senate with a recommendation. Schoegel made a motion to suspend the agenda and take up the "Presentation on FS GAI Committee's Recommendations

Regarding Grammarly.” The motion passed. Param Singh, FS Vice President and Chair of the FS ad hoc Generative AI Committee, with several committee members, reported the results of the committee’s evaluation and recommendation that LSU should not use student funds to purchase Grammarly.

After the presentation and before moving to discussion, the Senate returned to the regular agenda and consideration of FS Resolution 25-01. Osborn read the resolution into the record. The Senate entered into a lively discussion that covered both the general use of generative AI and specific comments about Grammarly. Schoegel made a motion to amend the resolution by changing the first Resolved from “That the LSU Faculty Senate *does not oppose*...” to “That the LSU Faculty Senate *opposes*...” and by striking “without any generative AI capabilities.” During more lively discussion, Manthei introduced a second motion to amend the amendment by also striking the last Resolved. After even more lively discussion, Manthei called the question. The Senate moved to a vote to amend the proposed amendment. The motion was unanimously approved. The Senate then returned to the discussion of the amendment. There was no further discussion and the Senate moved to a vote. The motion to amend was unanimously approved. The Senate then returned to the main motion which was to approve the amended resolution. The motion was unanimously approved and the amended resolution was passed.

Michael Kaller, Chair, LSU Faculty Senate Courses & Curricula Committee, summarized the charges of the committee and updated the Senate about changes to the Courses & Curricula process. The committee does a huge amount of work, reviewing more than 550 proposals in the last academic year. He referred to several policies that are useful to faculty working on course proposals: PS-22, PS-29 (which he acknowledged needed to be modernized), PS-44, PS-45, and PS-117. He discussed the benefits of the new program, Modern Campus, including streamlining of the process and the ability for faculty to see where their proposal is in the process. He noted the high number of proposals that the committee deals with and pointed out several note-worthy items that tend to be problematic and/or slow down the process: : 1. Proposals may be fast-tracked in certain circumstances (e.g., pending accreditation); 2. Over 1/3 of proposals are returned, which slows down the process; 3. Almost a quarter of proposals are returned because they are missing syllabus components or have errors on forms. Such issues should be caught early in the process at the departmental or college levels; 4. Duplication of courses across campus must be avoided; 5. Concentrations within a degree program must differ by at least 30%; and 6. Our accrediting body required course-learning objectives and a 7 or 15 week schedule in every syllabus. The Committee has created a 16-point proposal checklist and a template syllabus available on their Faculty Senate webpage to assist faculty through the process. There were no questions. Tirone thanked Kaller and the Committee for the important work that they do.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm following a motion by Cook. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary