



February 12, 2026

Dear Senators,

Though there is no meeting this month as previously scheduled, I did want to update you on a few developments that I had planned to address in the President's Report. Please find brief discussions of each below.

### **1. Course Evaluations**

Those of you in attendance at our January meeting will recall a presentation by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness on proposed changes to the course evaluation procedures. This past Monday, the Office of Academic Affairs sent an email to all Senators with additional information about the evaluation process, with notable points including the continuation of our prior evaluation questions indefinitely, a pause on the rollout of the new questions, and the creation of a committee composed of both faculty and representatives from the administration to review the evaluation process and make recommendations for additional improvement.

Based on discussion at the meeting and in feedback provided since that time, I believe that this a very reasonable course of action that addresses many of the substantive comments shared by faculty. I appreciate the open and productive discussions which occurred between Senate leadership and representatives from the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness which allowed us to reach this approach. I also thank you, the members of the Faculty Senate, for your engagement at the meeting and the thoughtful and knowledgeable comments and questions you provided after the presentation which informed the discussion that followed.

Please reach out to me if you have interest in serving on the committee that is to be formed to discuss the evaluation process. Details are still being finalized, but we would welcome those who have substantive experience in this area and the ability to serve in this capacity to let us know.

### **2. Panel on Engaging Students in Large Classes**

The Faculty Senate and Office of Academic Affairs, with support from the Louisiana Board of Regents, are pleased to host an upcoming professional development event for faculty. The panel, "Teaching at Scale: Engaging Students in Large-Enrollment Classes" will focus on sharing strategies for designing learning environments at scale developed by LSU faculty with a demonstrated history of success in large courses: Maribel Dietz (History), Dan Capron (Psychology), Zakiya S. Wilson-Kennedy (Chemistry), and David Young (Physics & Astronomy). The event, which will be held Wednesday, February 25 from 3:00-4:00pm in Room 1321 of the Business Education Complex, will include a panel discussion, micro demonstrations, and a Q&A period. Additional information and a registration link are available at [News and Events](#) page of the Faculty Senate website. We ask that you please share information about this panel and the link with your colleagues.

### **3. Nominating Committee**

I would like to extend my thanks to the following three Senators for agreeing to serve on this year's Nominating Committee: Catherine Jacquet (HSS), Revati Kumar (Science), and Kayanush Aryana (Ag). This committee is tasked with identifying candidates to stand in the April elections for Senate President, Vice President, Secretary, and two Member-At-Large positions on the FSEC. Please send any nominations, including self-nominations, to Dr. Jacquet who will then share them with the other committee members and notify the FSEC so we can include the list of confirmed candidates in the agenda for the March Faculty Senate meeting. Additionally, if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee we have one position still available though it must be filled by a Senator whose term is expiring at the end of this year and who is not from the same college as any of the current members. If you meet these criteria and would like to join the committee please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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