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Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, 15 October 2026
Dalton Woods Auditorium
Energy, Coast and Environment Building

Draft of the Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance: P=Present
Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) A=Absent

Name	Position	College	Attendance
Daniel Tirone	President	HSS	P
Inessa Bazayev	Past President	CMDA	P
Ken Lopata	Vice President	Science	P
Rosemary Peters-Hill	Secretary	HSS	P
Kyla Kazuschyk	Member-at-Large	CMDA	P
Kristen Healy	Member-at-Large	Agriculture	P
Blake Howe	Member-at-Large	CMDA	A

Senators

Name	College	Attendance		Name	College	Attendance
Basel Abuaita	Vet Med	P		Patty Lathan	Vet Med	P
Holly Andrews	Agriculture	P		Julia Ledet	Science	P
Hannah Bacon	HSS	P		Yong-Hwan Lee	Science	P
Scott Baldridge	Science	P		Donald Lund	Business	A
Kevin Benham	Art & Design	A		Giulio Mariotti	Coast and Environment	Alternate
Trina Biswas	Agriculture	A		Gerry Knapp	Engineering	P
Elias Bou-Harb	Engineering	P		Carmela Mattza	HSS	Alternate
Ashley Bowers	HSE	P		Kevin McCarter	Agriculture	P
Juliet Brophy	HSS	P		Karim Johari	HSS	P

Name	College	Attendance		Name	College	Attendance
Christine Bruening	Art and Design	A		Michael Johnson	Business	P
Michael Burnett	Agriculture	A		Hartmut Kaiser	Engineering	A
James Canfield	HSE	P		Seung Kam	Engineering	P
Summer Chandler	Law Center	P		Aly Mousaad Aly	Engineering	P
Bin Chen	Science	P		Supratik Mukhopadhyay	Coast and Environment	P
Haley Cobb	HSS	P		Liliana Naranjo	HSS	P
Robert Cook	Science	P		Tracy Norton	Law Center	P
Jeanette Cremer	Vet Med	A		Michael Ogundele	Vet Med	A
Kirsten Cunha	HSE	P		Andre Pagliarini	HSS	P
Jeffrey Davis	Agriculture	A		Ray Pingree	Mass Comm	P
Charles Delzell	Science	P		Leonard Ray	HSS	P
Noah DeWitt	Agriculture	P		Cynthia Sampson	HSS	P
Kunlun Ding	Engineering	P		James Sauls	Science	A
Peter Doran	Science	A		Samuel Snow	Engineering	P
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P		Phillip Sprunger	Science	P
Joshua Ellis	HSE	P		Casey Stannard	Agriculture	P
Ariel Francisco	HSS	P		Min Su	Business	P
Edward Gibbons	HSE	A		Vanessa Uhlig	CMDA	P
Charles Goodman	CMDA	P		Bulent Unel	Business	P
Antonieta Guerrero-Plata	Vet Med	P		Ted Waldron	Business	P
Kim Harper	Science	P		MJ Weerts	HSS	P
Kristen Healy	Agriculture	P		Jian Xu	Engineering	A
Michael Holt	Libraries	P		Seungwon Yang	HSE	P
Blake Howe	CMDA	Alternate		Fan Zhang	Science	P
Soo Jeong Jo	Art & Design	P				

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance
Emily Elliott	OAA/Psyc	
Emmett Brown	Enrollment Management	

Minutes from August were adopted. Amended minutes from the September meeting were adopted following a successful motion to amend the minutes to correct an error in the name of newly elected FSEC Member-at-Large Blake Howe.

In Memoriam

President Tirone honored the memory of Professor George Judy, Department of Theatre.

President's Report

1. President Tirone reported on the reactivation of the Council of College Policy Committees, Councils, and Senates.
2. Tirone then updated the Senate on the work of the Optional Retirement Plan Task Force, which continues to meet while preparing a report for the state legislature.
3. Tirone invited the Senate to participate in Line Dancing 101.

Elections

1. Budget and Planning Committee: Michael Burnett moved to open nominations and the motion passed. Nominations include Robert Cook, Aly Aly, and Supratik Mukhopadhyay, all of whom are elected to the committee.
2. Faculty Adjudication Committee: Robert Cook moved to open nominations and the motion passed. Nominations include Joshua Ellis, Seung Kam, and Jeff Perry, all of whom are elected to the committee.
3. Faculty Appeals Board: Scott Baldridge moves to open nominations. Nominations include Supratik Mukhopadhyay and Michael Burnett, and Jeanne Donaldson, all of whom are elected to the committee.

Emmett Brown, Vice-Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Success

Vice-Chancellor Brown presented on "assessing the demand for proctored testing environments." He pointed out the predominance of AI testing and the changing landscape of student assessment. His office seeks to gauge faculty interest in expanding proctored environments. Questions and discussion included the modalities of proctored tests (paper/written vs computer-based); the problem of affordability in using a proctoring service; privacy issues and AI grading (recommendations for secure platforms ensue). Another Senator mentions that cost is a big factor ($15-$27 range). Additional discussion includes

assessing why students cheat, the use of Proctorio, addressing text anxiety, and how LSU plans to handle more cases of alleged academic misconduct due to unapproved AI use.

Emily Elliott, Provost's Fellow for Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Elliott gave an update on LSU's efforts to encapsulate teaching, research, UGs, and grads with regard to GAI. She noted that people's reactions to AI tools vary widely, from total acceptance to total rejection, confusion, and distrust; and spoke on engagement in the classroom and how to build a classroom community of trust. Elliott requested that faculty consult the ITS office and AI consulting team to determine the most effective tool for their needs. Additionally, Elliott informed the Senate that LSU has an AI Council, with multiple voices at the table. The LSU System is creating a system-wide AI governance task force, with a consultant coming to campus to train staff. Numerous resources exist on campus: the AI Connect platform, LSU's own AI Literacy Essentials course; as well as the LSU Library's AI guide, Lsu.edu/ai, and the Office of Academic Affairs website which includes syllabus templates and policy statements related to teaching. She fielded questions relative to system-level permissions, where the chat logs from MikeGPT go and who has access, and whether faculty still have the right to tell students not to use AI. She recommended that rather than issue a blanket statement about AI use, faculty establish guardrails about when it is and is not OK to use. Dr. Elliott ended by explaining that AI is evolving so fast that it's hard to keep up; she recommends again open communication between faculty and students.

Adjournment

Scott Baldridge moves to adjourn at 4:10 pm; motion is approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary