



LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, Mar 18, 2024

McKernan Auditorium, Law Center

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance:
Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

P=Present
 A=Absent

Name	Position	College	Attendance
Inessa Bazayev	President	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Mandi Lopez	Past President	Veterinary Medicine	A
Daniel Tirone	Vice President	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Parampreet Singh	Secretary	Science	P
Kyla Kazuschyk	Member-at-Large	Music & Dramatic Arts	A
Michelle Osborn	Member-at-Large	Veterinary Medicine	P
Kevin Ringelman	Member-at-Large	Agriculture	P

Senators

Name	College	Attendance		Name	College	Attendance
Achyut Adhikari	Agriculture	P		Robert Mann	Mass Communication	A
Priscilla Allen	Human Sciences and Education	P		Paul Manthei	Human Sciences and Education	P
Kayanush Aryana	Agriculture	P		Sarah Mathews	Science	P
Scott Baldrige	Science	P		Carmela Mattza	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Maria Bampasidou	Agriculture	A		Marcia Newcomer	Science	A
John Bardes	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Wayne Newhauser	Science	A
Estanislado Barrera	Human Sciences and Education	Alternate: Julie Rollins		Michelle Osborn	Veterinary Medicine	P

Name	College	Attendance		Name	College	Attendance
Gerald Baumgartner	Engineering	P		Patricia Queiroz-Williams	Veterinary Medicine	A
Brett Boutwell	Music and Dramatic Arts	P		Leonard Ray	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
James Canfield	Human Sciences and Education	A		Molly Redfield	Music and Dramatic Arts	A
Yan Chen	Agriculture	P		Sarah Peppin Rosser	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
John Church	Law Center	P		Rosemary Peters-Hill	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Fabio Del Piero	Veterinary Medicine	A		Michael Russo	LSU Libraries	P
Ray Diamond	Law Center	P		Subramaniam Sathivel	Agriculture	A
Kerry Dooley	Engineering	A		Ingmar Schoegl	Engineering	P
Thomas Douthat	Coast and Environment	P		Edward Shihadeh	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P		Parampreet Singh	Science	P
Mehdi Farasat	Engineering	A		Paul Soto	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Matthew Freeman	Humanities and Social Sciences	A		Brenton Stewart	Human Sciences and Education	A
Meredith Gaglio	Art and Design	A		Chao Sun	Engineering	P
Janene Grodesky	Human Sciences and Education	P		Michelle Todd	Human Sciences and Education	P
Roy Heidelberg	Business	P		Mayank Tyagi	Engineering	P
Achim Herrmann	Science	A		Adriano Vatta	Veterinary Medicine	P
Matthew Hiatt	Coast and Environment	P		Paulo Waltrich	Engineering	A
Ryan Hulteen	Human Sciences and Education	P		Cathy Williams	Agriculture	P
Catherine Jacquet	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Jianan Wu	Business	A
Karim Johari	Humanities and Social Sciences	A		Yejun Wu	Human Sciences and Education	P
Kayla Kazuschyk	Music & Dramatic Arts	A		Alison Zhou	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Revati Kumar	Science	A		Jun Zou	Art and Design	A
Tracy LeBlanc	Humanities and Social Sciences	P				
Joseph Legoria	Business	A				
Kenneth Lopata	Science	P				
James Madden	Science	P				

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance	Name	Position	Attendance
Jacqueline Bach	Vice Provost	P	Jon Snow	Professor College of Science	P
Roy Haggerty	Provost	P	Robert Twilley	Vice President ORED	P
Ryan Landry	Assistant Vice Provost	P	Arend Van Gemmert	Assoc. Dean CHSE	P

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:12 pm on March 18, 2024, at the McKernan Auditorium in the Law Center at the LSU campus, the President being the Chair and Secretary being present. President Bazayev announced alternates and introduced guest speakers of the meeting which included Vice Provost Jackie Bach and Vice President ORED Robert Twilley. There were no public comments. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted following a motion by John Church.

In her report, President Bazayev provided the following updates: (i) Ongoing discussion with various administration units to develop a policy for maintaining course instruction during periods of prolonged absence of the instructor such as due to illness; (ii) A small committee is planned to discuss acquisition of Grammarly licenses for students and the role of AI. Senators requested to nominate faculty; (iii) Campus safety remains a concern. Faculty encouraged to download the LSU Shield App; (iv) The Office of Academic Affairs has implemented a new policy on reporting requirements of international visitors; and (v) The Faculty Council Meeting scheduled for April 22 at 3 pm in Royal Cotillion Ballroom in the Student Union.

In the unfinished business, the only item on the agenda was ASH Proposal: Graduate School “T” Grade Policy Change. President Bazayev informed that sponsors of this proposal have requested that the matter remains tabled.

In the new business, the first item on the agenda was the Nominating Committee for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Chair Carmela Mattza presented names of the confirmed nominees: Daniel Tirone for the President, Parampreet Singh for the Vice-President, Kevin Ringelman for the Secretary, and Kyla Kazuschyk, James Madden, Michelle Osborn for Members-At-Large. There were no new nominations from the floor. Nominations allowed from the floor during the April 11 Faculty Senate meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed revisions to PS-22, PS-36T and PS-36NT by the ad hoc Faculty Senate Policy Committee. Chair Jon Snow made presentations on the proposed changes for PS-22 and moved to add “Participation in scholarly conferences” as an item under “Valid Reasons for Absences” in Section II. General Policy, and to add “Unexpected professional obligations of students who are LSU staff” as an item under “Valid Reasons for Absences” in Section II. General Policy. After a discussion, senators voted on this motion which did not pass.

Snow then discussed proposed changes to PS-36T and PS-36NT and moved:

- To strike the existing second paragraph in section D.2. Teaching in PS 36T and PS 36NT and add the following text in its place: “Activities which contribute to the teaching mission are to be determined by the faculty of the relevant department. In the absence of a defined policy adopted by the department faculty, contributions to the teaching mission must

include substantial intellectual contributions by the faculty member. In general, simply presenting courses principally developed by others without substantive addition or revision by the instructor will not qualify as an individual faculty member's contribution to the teaching mission."

- To add “, and hybrid or online.” following “study abroad” in item i. in section D.2.a. Illustrative Examples of Teaching Contributions in PS 36T and PS 36NT
- To strike the “and” preceding “at international locations” and add “, and hybrid or online.” following “locations and institutions” in item ix. in section D.2.a. Illustrative Examples of Teaching Contributions in PS 36T and PS 36NT.

Senators discussed this motion extensively. Manthei moved to strike the third sentence in the first bullet point: “In general, simply ... the teaching mission.” The motion passed by a majority vote and the sentence was removed. Heidelberg moved to amend the main motion by striking the first bullet point and retaining the second and third bullet points. Motion passed by a majority vote. Peters-Hill moved to amend the main motion by substituting “to substitute ‘Instruction of an LSU course – whether in person in a classroom, online, or in a hybrid format, on and off the LSU campus, including study abroad’ for the current language in item i. in section D.2.a. Illustrative Examples of Teaching Contributions in PS 36T and PS 36NT” for the second bullet point Mattza made a secondary motion to amend the primary amendment to insert “web-based” between “online” and “or in a hybrid format.” There were no objections to this amendment. The senators then voted on the motion to amend the main motion by substituting “to substitute ‘Instruction of an LSU course – whether in person in a classroom, online, web-based, or in a hybrid format, on and off the LSU campus, including study abroad’ for the current language in item i. in section D.2.a. Illustrative Examples of Teaching Contributions in PS 36T and PS 36NT” for the second bullet point in the main motion. The motion passed by a majority vote. Finally, the senators voted on the amended main motion which was passed by a majority vote.

President Bazayev then welcomed Vice Provost Jackie Bach who gave a presentation on Faculty Technology Survey with Chair of the ad hoc FSIT committee Parampreet Singh. There was a total of 658 survey responses, 399 faculty opted incentives, and 153 faculty expressed interest in participation in focus groups. A summary of preliminary results was presented.

The final item on the agenda was a presentation on Research Highlights from ORED by Vice President Robert Twilley. After a welcome by President Bazayev, Twilley presented highlights from ORED and LSU's Scholarship First agenda. Details of the research expenditure and comparison with peer group were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm following a motion by Williams. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Parampreet Singh, Secretary

