



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
25 August 2026
12:00 pm, 135J Thomas Boyd

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present : Inessa Bazayev (Past President), Kristen Healy (Member-at-Large), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Vice-President), Rosemary Peters-Hill (Secretary), Daniel Tirone (President)

Absent : Kelsey Brannon (Coordinator), Parampreet Singh (FSEC)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:30 pm on 10 September 2026, in 135J Thomas Boyd Hall at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

President's Report

1. President Tirone announced that Joey Legoria has passed away on 4 September. We will recognize him and his service to the Senate at the FS meeting next week.
2. Tirone announced that the revised PS 104 has passed.
3. Kelsey Brannon is out on leave for the next 2 weeks. Tirone passes around a card for FSEC members to sign.
4. Tirone announced that the New Senator orientation went well. Healy proposes that future new senator events include a “get to know each other” component, perhaps with table prompts; this suggestion meets with enthusiasm. Tirone will email new senators with information presented at the orientation, especially about the Member at Large election during the September FS meeting. Discussion ensues about the election and how to encourage candidates to run for Member at Large and how to present their candidacy at the meeting. Tirone will send several emails out between now and Wednesday next week to remind senators of the meeting.
5. Emmett Brown (Enrollment Management) has suggested using HonorLock and taking a survey of faculty to gauge the desire to use this testing platform. Lopata encourages the involvement of multiple faculty members to design the survey, from different backgrounds.

6. Tirone announced that the AI Council will have its first meeting on Friday. One issue to discuss is a research agreement for grad students. There could be multiple versions of this agreement – first to cover classes, second to cover 8000- and 9000-level research. Nothing will come out until FSEC and FS in general have reviewed it.
7. Tirone informs the FSEC that LSU is now providing Canva Pro to all students using the Student Technology Fee. This is a recent development, with Student Government having decided to spend STF funds on Canva Pro. Lopata will follow up with ITGC before their meeting in October.
8. Tirone attended Parenting and Pregnancy Focus Group during first week of September. Tirone made the suggestion to align EBR and LSU break schedules, which met with reluctance. Tirone and Bazayev brought up workload reassignment, a suggestion OAA understood as important; but which has not been formalized in any kind of rule for LSU to follow. Peters-Hill mentions the need for additional lactation spaces on campus, rather than solely in the Union.
9. Tirone had a conversation with Stanley Wilder about the Library's internationalization charge.
10. Tirone responded to Professor Lund on the issue of the 10 Commandments in the classrooms.
11. Tirone reported that Clay Benton is trying to put together a working group about Workday Student, and is looking for people in an undergraduate- or graduate-student advisor capacity. Tirone needs names by early next week.

Guests

There were no guests.

Unfinished Business

- Kyla Kazuschyk moves to appoint Christine Breuning to ASH committee. Motion passes.
- Kazuschyk moves to appoint Kerri Tobin to C&C committee. Motion passes.
- Kazuschyk moves to appoint two professors to ILC committee. Motion passes.
- Tirone wants to contact individuals before broadcast email goes out, to Library and Internationalization committees, to give them a clearer and revitalized charge.
- FS Meeting next week: Election of 3rd Member at Large. Presentations by Auxiliary Services and FSGAI Committee. Ray Lyngdoh will present. Kazuschyk moves to approve agenda. Motion passes.

New Business

- Membership in C&C Committee. An Associate Dean wants to be part of this committee; she is on college-level C&C committee. Tirone queries whether having an Associate Dean on an academic committee present a conflict of interest. If we agree that it is OK/not OK in certain circumstances, we need a set of guidelines. Discussion includes mention of the need for a blanket statement about conflict of interest; also the suggestion of a prohibition on chairs' and higher administrators' membership in academic committees. Lopata suggests an organizational chart detailing which positions would qualify as "administration" at the level of department chair or above. The discussion resolved in a general accord that individuals at admin ranks of department chair or equivalent and above should not be able to serve on FS subcommittees except in an ex officio capacity. Lopata moves to adopt the language. Motion passes.
- WEFMSK. Peters-Hill is working on it; will circulate once it is ready.
- Broadcast email. President's report, WEFMSK, election to committees, Tracy Blanchard has requested that FS amplify the resource agreement re students with disabilities. Kazuschyk moves to approve broadcast email. Motion passes.
- Committee discussed an email sent to the FSEC regarding the issue of students with no clear pathway to degree.
- FSEC meeting schedule for the rest of the semester will be established once we have the 3rd member at large elected.

Peters-Hill moves to adjourn; the motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary