



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
23 September 2026
2:00 pm, 135J Thomas Boyd

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

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

Absent : Kelsey Brannon (Coordinator)

Guests : Emmett Brown, Vice-Chancellor for Enrollment Management

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 2:01 pm on 23 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.

Bazayev moved to suspend the regular agenda to move to Emmett Brown's presentation; motion approved.

Emmett Brown

VC Brown presented his survey designed to gauge interest in online proctoring platforms and use of the LSU Testing Center. Members of the FSEC discussed the survey questions and offered suggestions to expand and streamline the survey. Mr Brown will make edits and send the revised survey back to us for further review.

President's Updates

1. President Tirone reported that he and VP Lopata had lunch with Student Government leadership and how the discussions proceeded. There was much discussion of AI and the issues around AI expectations and problematics. There was mention of a package deal that would allow students to purchase some platforms (Top Hat etc) which would include access to McGraw Hill textbooks. Their discussion also included the status and managing of the cultural

centers. Both Afro-American Center and Women's Center have been transferred to Student Affairs; LGBTQ Center has been shuttered. Students were not aware the LGBTQ Center had been closed. With federally mandated access for all centers, do the centers still serve the populations they are designed for? Further, they discussed PS22 w/r/t tracking student absences as a way to centralize record-keeping for absences. The students seemed interested in this possibility.

2. Tirone reported that the AI Council had its first meeting. Discussion included the issue of AI as course materials (Grok, Claude for code, etc). One question was how faculty/students acquire and pay for it.
3. Tirone had a meeting with Optional Retirement Plan Task Force and discussed the damage done to long-term ORP participants (defined contribution) as opposed to TRSL members (defined benefits). Tirone suggested to the Task Force that they backfill the ORP plans for people employed before 2014 when LSU's contribution amount was fixed at 6.2%. The Task Force will address this with the Provost.
4. Tirone and Lopata met with the Provost and heard his two main objectives: streamlining PS 109; and the development of clear P&T requirements from each college. Colleges have pushed back against this idea. The two will bring up PS36T with the Provost at their next meeting, w/ r/t the question of this policy as departmental bylaws. The question of bylaws and voting on tenure and promotion cases is complicated by the structure of who votes.
5. Lopata and Tirone addressed a concern that grade distribution reports are no longer distributed. Interested faculty can get the information by submitting a ticket to ODSA.
6. Tirone had a Zoom meeting with the president of the faculty senate of LSU New Orleans; they are going to get a group together that includes Shreveport and Alexandria.
7. The committee discussed the cultural centers and their new management, and the need for a response when students question what has happened to the African-American and Women's Centers were left open: we are complying with the executive order and it makes more sense to put them under Student Affairs. We do not have a good answer as to why LGBTQ Center was closed.

Unfinished Business

1. Committee Appointments.
 1. Tirone had sent the list of ORF – Organizational Relief Funds. We need 2 members for this committee. Healy is interested.
 2. APIC – Healy volunteers.

3. Adjudication – volunteers include Joshua Ellis from HSE (co-director of Geaux Teach but not ineligible) and [Prof.] from Engineering. Joe Legoria's passing means we have an additional opening.
4. Appeals Board – Michael Burnett from Agriculture has expressed an interest; we can have up to 15 people, lots of slots open.
5. Budget and Planning – Robert Cook is interested; we need someone from administration and have a couple other openings.
6. ASH – Christine Breuning and Darlene Gohring. We still need HSS and Vet Med. Kazuschyk moves to appoint. Motion passes.
7. C&C – Michael Dance from CCE; Robin Lemaire from Business; Sergio Padilla from A&D. Healy moves to appoint them. Motion passes. We still need members from Law and Mass Comm.
8. Internationalization – this will not duplicate what Grad School is doing. Samba Dieng's committee. Will not impact Grad School committee but can complement it. Expressing interest : Oliver Proco; Akim Herman; Gwendolyn Murray; Rafael Orozco; Vanessa Euling; George Zou. Kazuschyk moves to appoint. Motion passes. Committee needs an interim chair; Peters-Hill moves to reach out to Murray. Motion passes.
9. Libraries – Brent Johnson; M.J. Wiertz; [Zu]. Johnson is currently interim director of Law Center library for Libraries. Subject-matter expertise justifies an exception to the rule of no admin on committees. Peters-Hill moves to suspend standing rule to appoint Johnson, and to appoint Wiertz and Zou. Motion passes. This committee still needs one more person.

New Business

- WEFMSK. Peters-Hill is working on it; will circulate once it is ready.
- Broadcast email – President's report; WEFMSK; update on D/S decision; election to committees. Communication about ghost students, possible update by the time WEFMSK comes out. Margot Carroll wants something about the dining app and Kean's.
- Email from HR regarding death of active employee ceremony (Joey). Ceremony currently scheduled for 6 November. Tirone will communicate time and any changes to date as it develops.
- Nothing currently on agenda for 15 October FS meeting. We could maintain the meeting for elections. Cancellation would mean postponing elections until November. Possible agenda

items: IT presentation; Emmett Brown. Peters-Hill recommends Chris Barrett and Study Abroad. Keep ear to the ground for other potential items.

Kazuschyk moves to adjourn; the motion passes. Adjournment at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RPeters-Hill', written in a cursive style.

Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary