



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

17 July 2025

10:00am, 135F Thomas Boyd Hall

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Parampreet Singh (Vice-President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Carmela Mattza (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Inessa Bazayev (Past-President)

Guest: Craig Woolley, Chief Information Officer

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:02 am on July 17, 2025, in room 135F of Thomas Boyd Hall at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

President's Updates

1. Tirone and Singh met with the Student Success Initiative group and discussed high impact teaching practices and resources for faculty.
2. Tirone and Singh met with Tracy Blanchard from Disability Services and discussed the AIM platform and number of absences that may affect course performance for students with accommodations. Disability Services has been invited to a meeting of the Student Success Initiative group to give a presentation about this, including the respective roles of faculty and Disability Services in this process.
3. Tirone and Singh will meet with representatives from the student government next week.
4. Tirone was appointed to the Retirement Task Force to serve as faculty representative.
5. Tirone and Singh met with OAA. Course evaluations are now under the purview of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. The Office of International Student Services has a group that specializes in helping students with visa issues; the Provost is looking into who is helping faculty with such issues.

Unfinished Business

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Integrative Community Studies**. FSEC discussed the collected data of how similar programs approach commencement at other schools. Lopata made a motion that LSU HSE submit a proposal about the role of Integrative Community Studies certificate recipients in their graduation ceremony. The motion was approved.

2. The next item of unfinished business was **Attendance Study Next Steps**. The next step in the Attendance Study is to identify a faculty member (or faculty members) to develop a sound instrument for a formal attendance survey. Tirone and Bazayev will reach out to several faculty to gauge interest in the project.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **Policy on Policies**. OAA is now working on the Policy on Policies that was passed out of the Policy Committee last year.
2. The next item of new business **Semester Start and End Dates**. FSEC discussed confusion for 9 month faculty about when the semester begins and ends for them; and how these dates affect programs (e.g., School of Veterinary Medicine) that do not follow the main campus calendar. OAA and HR should be brought into this discussion.
3. The next item of new business was **Committee Operating Procedures**. Tirone discussed making changes to several committees including: i. due to the nature of the work, the Appeals Board membership including only full professors; ii. for continuity purposes, making all committees have Chair/Chair-Elect leadership; iii. for easier reading, cleaning up the entire document. In regards to a recent faculty case, Lopata made a motion that, based on the current language in the committee operating procedures, individuals not currently employed by LSU do not have access to the Faculty Adjudication Committee. The motion was approved.

In the interest of time, Tirone moved to take up the **FSEC Meeting Schedule** as the next point of business. There were no objections.

4. The next item of new business was **FSEC Meeting Schedule**. Cobb will send out a when2meet to schedule the next meeting for August 7th or 8th, as well as one to establish regular weekly meetings for the Fall semester.

Meeting with Craig Woolley, Chief Information Officer, on IT Centralization

Woolley gave FSEC a presentation that covered the goals and objectives and guiding principles for IT Centralization, given as directive from former President Tate and confirmed to continue by interim President Lee. They are in the phase of data collection but have met (or will soon meet) with all campus units regarding centralization. Woolley also addressed faculty concerns including i. units with specific needs; ii. faculty participation in the process; and iii. local administrative rights.

Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary