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Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Meeting
12 August 2026
12:00 pm, 2138 Pleasant Hall

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present : Inessa Bazaev (Past President), Kelsey Brannon (Coordinator), Kristen Healy (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Vice-President), Rosemary Peters-Hill (Secretary), Parampreet Singh (FSEC), Daniel Tirone (President)

Absent : Kyla Kyzachuk (Member-at-Large)

Guest : Samba Dieng, Office of Global Engagement

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:04 am on 12 August 2026, in room 2138 of Pleasant Hall at the LSU campus, with the President being the Chair and the Secretary being present. There were no public comments. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was postponed pending revision.

President's Updates

1. President Tirone reported that OAA has allocated funds to support holding a reception at the August meeting of the Faculty Senate. Tirone and Brannon are working with catering to provide food and drinks for around 45 people.
2. Brannon will be sending an email soon to inform Senators of the semester's meeting schedule.
3. Tirone brought up the question of faculty assigning GAI software. If assigned as course materials, purchased by students individually for use on non-LSU machines, this software is considered course materials and does not have to go through the IT100 approval process as it would if purchased with institutional funds. Lopata mentioned that such software would still have to be screened for accessibility. Still, the "course materials" designation creates a loophole regarding GAI as not a liability for procurement policy. This loophole may present a need to revise PS 92 or PS 123.

Unfinished Business

1. Regarding GAI and the IT100 form, the language proposed at our previous FSEC meeting will inform a blanket statement about the limitations of using GAI – only allowed in the course for which it is purchased. Lopata recommended an "I agree" checkbox on the IT100 form. Discussion ensued regarding the instructors' responsibility to inform students of the limitations of use and whether instructors should put a limited-use statement on their syllabi. OAA has a "syllabus statements" page where this could be addressed. Tirone will reach out to OAA; SAA will work with faculty.
2. Lopata moved to suspend the agenda and move to Dr. Samba Dieng's presentation. Motion approved.

<u>Samba Dieng</u>

1. Dr. Dieng presented the new Department of Homeland Security policy on visas for international students. He detailed several important points, including the fact that unlike travel bans, this new policy affects all international students. Dieng also went through the major changes under the new policy, the foremost of which is the government "cap" on international students' time at 4 years. The policy damages the flexibility of higher education in the USA: undergraduates can no longer change majors; they cannot transfer institutions until they have been at one university for a full academic year. Masters and PhD students cannot transfer at all, even to follow their advisor; they also cannot do a second Masters or PhD. Additionally, the "grace period" following completion of a degree (during which many graduates find employment or otherwise change their visa status) has been reduced from 60 days to 30. On the question of OPT, Dieng specified that international students will now have to apply concurrently for OPT and extension of stay. The cost of filing is therefore doubled and the process time is extended. Current students are grandfathered in under old policy; but if they leave the country, they will be subject to the new policy. Finally, there is no pathway for appeal: if a student is denied an extension of duration of stay, they must leave the country. Dieng is working closely with Dean Ates of the Grad School to see how LSU can address these problems for graduate students. In the meantime, the numbers of international students have already begun to decline, from the usual 350-400 to, this year, 150.

2. Assessment of global learning/study-abroad programs. Dieng remarked that LSU currently has no university-wide assessment model for global learning programs; he wants to work with FSEC to create a model for evaluating these programs' outcomes. Tirone suggests FS committee on international learning should take up this charge; the committee may need a new chair or revitalized membership.

<u>Return to Unfinished business</u>

1. Faculty Handbook updates. The issue of faculty start dates is best implemented in the AY calendar. Singh points out that there is no official policy on faculty start dates; Tirone explains

that there is an HR document setting out full-time responsibilities. This document is not available to the public. Adding language to the handbook can be fraught; members discussed the need for archived copies of old handbooks, and how to track what has been changed from one version to another. It is decided to keep the handbook on FS website, under the “about us” rubric. Tirone will make former version of handbook available to FSEC in Sharepoint. Healy moves to send changes to OAA for review. Motion approved.

2. Committee appointments and elections.
    1. Manship : motion to appoint Dr. Rachel Pang to ILC committee.
    2. ASH : the proposed chair has requested information on the duration of this appointment. Members then discussed the desire to avoid having indefinite committee chairs.
    3. IT governance council needs a chair. Singh provides details of the schedule and time investment. We will make this appointment at our next meeting.
    4. C&C committee needs representatives from Art and Design, Business, HSE, and Mass Comm. The changes to PS45 mean committee membership must include each college. FSEC can reach out to curriculum committees at the college level for potential appointees.
    5. Appeals Board – Blake Howe is interim chair, needs members for an appeal case in fall 2026.
    6. Policy committee is now down 2 members. FSEC will brainstorm before next meeting.
3. The August FS meeting agenda includes : the President’s report; Chancellor Dalton; Provost Messina; New Business – appeals board election, attendance survey, course evaluations changes; Samba Dieng. Lopata moves to approve this agenda. Motion approved.

New Business – There was no new business.

Singh made a motion to adjourn at 1:31 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary