



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

30 September 2026

2:00 pm, 135J Thomas Boyd Hall

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present : Inessa Bazayev (Past President), Kelsey Brannon (Coordinator), 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 : none

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 2:01 pm on 21 October 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 Updates

1. President Tirone and VP Lopata met with ORED to discuss issues around research security.
2. Tirone spoke about the Provost's desire to standardize add-comps (PS 43).
3. There was a robust discussion about the renewed request to acquire Grammarly licenses using the Student Technology Fee.
4. Tirone announced that there was discussion among the Policy Committee about PS 12 (employee leave). Sick leave has to be documented for classes and department meetings; special leave applies to detail to other LSU work that takes you away from your location (ie conferences, traveling with LSU). Two days of personal leave may be used if the circumstance is neither of the above. Tirone will reach out to Academic Affairs on this issue.
5. Tirone and Lopata will meet with Craig Woolley on Friday regarding which IT platforms LSU will retain.
6. The ISB resolution to honor Cynthia Peterson's contribution to construction of the building is being considered; will come up at the November FS meeting. Would like to have first reading at November meeting and a vote in December.

7. Tirone announced that the Board of Regents have passed a “verifiable learning record” policy. A certificate from ULL could be combined with a course at LSU in order to centralize information and tie the info to the student.
8. Tirone spoke with Tracy Norton about the FSGAI committee – committee is unsure as to their current charge. Tirone recommended that FSGAI work with ORED to ensure that our guidelines are consistent with granting agencies, grad school, etc. Tirone and Norton also discussed the fact that these are not policy but guidelines; informed discussions about critical issues and approaches to them. Committee is also there to take up questions OAA might want info on.
9. Tirone requests feedback on Emmett Brown’s survey regarding test-proctoring platforms.
10. Tirone is going to teach in the spring. Discussion centers on recognition of the role of the FS President and the importance of course releases to the Provost.

Unfinished Business

1. Committee Appointments.

1. Shari Johnson (History) has accepted nomination to the Policy Committee. Peters-Hill moves to appoint her; motion passes.
2. A new Parking and Transportation committee is being formed; they want 4 faculty members.
2. Tiger Trailride and Line-Dancing initiative; they are having some difficulty with QR code and may be updated to a Qualtrix form. Event will not require preregistration, but if the headcount exceeds a certain number they need to hire extra security.
3. 9 Nov FS meeting :
 1. First reading of resolution re Cynthia Peterson.
 2. Possible presentation by Craig Woolley – could be pushed to December.
 3. Possible presentation on Workday Student.
 4. Presentation on PS 12 and kinds of leave?
 1. Could include info on parental leave
 5. We want to think about how to load up for Spring meetings.

New Business

1. WEFMSK – can be discussed next week.

2. Broadcast email – what other content should it include? Should go out next week or following week before 9 Nov meeting. Three remaining before end of year.
3. Moodle app – Lopata announces that in Fall 2027 everyone will have the app. Director of Academic Technology is updating continuously, both software and what is saved. Moodle 5.3 will be avail May 2027, running for the summer; app avail by Fall.
4. December meeting agenda :
 1. Potentially second reading of ISB resolution
 2. Sean Courtney
 3. Leftovers from Nov meeting.

Howe moves to adjourn; motion passes. Adjournment at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary