LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting
April 15, 2026, 1:00 PM
School of Music Boardroom, Louisiana State University

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Inessa Bazayev, Chair
Michelle Osborn
Ravi Rau
Jeffrey Roland, Secretary
Daniel Tirone, Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests

Jon Snow

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 1:04 PM on Wednesday April 15, 2026 in the School of Music Boardroom on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All five committee members were present. One guest (as noted above) was present. There were no public comments. Minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2026 were approved unanimously.

Chair's update: A meeting on the draft progressive discipline policy with the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA), Human Resources, etc. is scheduled for on 4/24/26. possible update on PS-104, which goes to the Senate for an up or down vote in the April meeting. Bazayev will inquire with the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) about the status of the new PS-50A(?). OAA asked for expedited review of PS-1 ahead of its separation into PS-1 and PS-16. Bazayev and Tirone commented to OAA, but committee voiced its strong disapproval of OAA once again circumventing the normal review process via this sort of rushed last minute request. This is unacceptable and needs to stop, as it compromises the ability of faculty to its proper input into important policy decisions. Bazayev and Tirone will take up this issue with OAA/Chancellor (as appropriate). Main concern with the proposed PS-1 was potential change to faculty hiring process. This concern was raised in feedback to OAA offered by Tirone and Bazayev.

Committee worked on Section IX (committees) of Faculty Senate Bylaws. Issues considered and revisions made included:

- Feedback between this section and the Senate Operating Procedures for Committees (FSOCP).
- Explicitly recognize a role for Robert's Rules and a committee's own operating procedures, in addition to FSOCP, in its elections and general operations.

- Clustering committees into five categories: Academic Core (Teaching and Curriculum and Research and Scholarship subcategories), Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Administrative, and Internal Senate Business. Reconfiguring committees with charges that cross categories.
- Restructuring LSU system might require radical rethinking of committee structure, incorporating system-level as well as campus-level bodies. Fluid situation, at present.
- Adding currently ad hoc committees (such as this one) as standing committees.
- Eliminated the University Commencement Exercises Committee following a motion by Roland. After move to a single annual University-level commencement, nothing for this committee to do.
- Reinvigorating the Council of College Policy Committees, Councils, and Senates. Important but dormant committee.
- What to do with Committee on Committees? Long term problem, but the function is important.
- Renaming Faculty Appeals Board to better reflect its actual charge.

Next meeting: Try to sketch out a multi-level committee structure. Think about graduate education, graduate council, graduate faculty, and related matters.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM following a motion by Osborn which passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Roland, Secretary