LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting
April 1, 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

Jane Cassidy, Senior Vice Provost
Jesse Gray, Policy Specialist
Mallory Danzy, Director of Academic Personnel & Policy

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 1:04 PM on Wednesday April 1, 2026 in the School of Music Boardroom on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All five committee members were present (Osborn arrived late). Three guests from the Office of Academic Affairs (as noted above) were present. There were no public comments. Minutes from the meeting on March 4, 2026 were approved following a motion by Rau.

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. Revised PS-104 is with deans and will go to the Senate for an up or down vote, probably in April. Plan is to have it in force Fall 2026.

Committee reviewed new PS-50 (not sure of what the final numbering will be—PS50A?) with guests from OAA. Issues addressed included:

- Corrected title of the position currently occupied by Troy Blanchard (shortened to 'Provost' subsequent to first occurrence).
- Untangled directors (within and without a college), department chairs, and heads and reorganized the sections addressing these positions.
- Added language on annual reviews of deans, directors, department chairs, and heads with reference to PS-111 and also of tenure-stream faculty, non-tenure-stream faculty, and non-faculty academic employees, with reference to PS-36T, PS-36NT, and PS-35, respectively.

- Clarified that deans are responsible for appointing department chairs.
- Revised the title to include non-faculty academic employees.
- Added (proposed) 'PS-50A'.
- Added clarificatory examples of non-faculty academic employees.

Revised draft was voted out of committee following a motion by Roland. Bazayev will prepare a clean version (v5), which will be forwarded to OAA, put into the official PS format, and then forwarded to the Chancellor's office (to inform the draft of "PS-50B").

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM following a motion by Roland which passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Roland, Secretary