



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
7 February 2025
1:30 pm, 251 Music and Dramatic Arts Building

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present: Daniel Tirone (President), Inessa Bazayev (Past-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:

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 1:30 pm on February 07, 2025, in room 251 of the Music and Dramatic Arts Building 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 adopted as amended.

President's Updates

1. Tirone continues discussions with the President's Office regarding Academic Freedom on campus.
2. Tirone is serving on a task force developed by Provost Haggerty to plan for opportunities and threats in the changing funding landscape.
3. Tirone and Singh met with Provost Haggerty to discuss anticipated use of the testing center and possible alternatives.
4. Tirone emailed the Budget and Planning Committee for updates on the Salary Study and is awaiting a response.
5. Tirone and Singh will have a meeting with Student Gov representatives to discuss pending student requests and resolutions.
6. Tirone is working to schedule a speaker for the planned Academic Freedom Panel.

Unfinished Business

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Retirement Task Force**. Singh reported that the task force has completed its work. The final recommendations were sent to the Board of Regents.
2. The next item of unfinished business was **Attendance Study**. FSEC reviewed the survey and recommended changes. Osborn made a motion to approve the amended survey and for Mattza to bring it to IRB for exemption. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The next item of unfinished business was **Faculty Council Meeting Committee Appointments**. Two faculty members are needed to assist FSEC in planning the Faculty Council Meeting. Mattza made a motion for Tirone to reach out and make initial contact to potential faculty. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. The next item of unfinished business was **Nominating Committee**. The Nominating Committee needs to be populated for the upcoming Faculty Senate Elections. Osborn made a motion for Tirone to contact several Senators who are rotating off the Senate to serve on this committee. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. The next item of unfinished business was **Ad hoc Committee on GAI and Academic Policies**. FSEC discussed populating this committee with faculty, staff, and student representatives.
6. The next item of unfinished business was **Grammarly**. Singh made a motion to postpone further discussion until next week. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **Research Security Training**. Sean Courtney is the new Associate Vice President for Research Compliance, Integrity and Analytics. Singh made a motion for Courtney to give a presentation at the February Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. The next item of new business was **FS Committee Annual Reports**. Osborn presented a draft of a standard reporting format for Faculty Senate standing and ad hoc committees; this can become an online form to be added to the website. Singh made a motion to move forward with annual committee reports which should be reviewed by FSEC after being turned in. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The next item of new business was **What Every Faculty Member Should Know from the January FS Meeting**. Kazuschyk made a motion to approve the draft of WEFMSK as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. The next item of new business was **Broadcast Email**. Osborn made a motion to approve the Broadcast email with the discussed items. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tirone made a motion to suspend the agenda and take up **University of Louisiana Conference**. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. The next item of new business was **University of Louisiana Conference**. Tirone requested funds to cover his registration fee to attend the conference. Singh made a motion to approve the use of Faculty Senate funds to cover the registration fee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh made a motion to suspend the agenda and move to **February 20 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. The next item of new business was **February 20 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**. Several potential agenda items were discussed.

Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary