



Faculty Senate

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

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

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 1:30 pm on January 31, 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, Singh, and Lopata met with President Tate to discuss about Academic Freedom and its limitations on campus.
2. Tirone met with Senior Vice Provost Jane Cassidy to discuss the charges of the Internationalization Committee and its charges. Tirone will meet with the co-chairs of the committee for further discussion.
3. Tirone met with Vice President for Enrollment Danny Barrow and Emmett Brown, Undergraduate Admissions to discuss issues with accessing the testing center during high capacity periods and brainstorm possible solutions.
4. Singh and Tirone with Office of Academic Affairs. The Benefits committee is considering a resolution to address issues with the inconsistent handling of FMLA and parental leave across colleges.

Unfinished Business

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Grammarly**. FSEC revisited the discussion of the Faculty Senators after the first reading of the FS Resolution 25-01. After some discussion, Singh made a motion to postpone further discussion until the next FSEC meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. The next item of unfinished business was **Academic Freedom Panel**. Tirone discussed the panel with Provost Haggerty about inviting external speakers and the Provost is supportive. Singh made a motion to authorize Tirone to invite appropriate guests. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The next item of unfinished business was **Attendance Study**. Tirone, Bazayev, and Mattza have worked on a revised version of the attendance study; it is multi-dimensional and succinct. FSEC will review and discuss.

4. The next item of unfinished business was **Retirement Task Force**. Singh made a motion to postpone until the next FSEC meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. The first item of new business was **ASH Proposal**. FSEC is supportive of the proposal but would like one minor update. Singh made a motion to provisionally approve the proposal with the small addition of an alternative/equal course. The motion was unanimously approved. Tirone will reach out to Cathy Williams, Chair of ASH, about the change.
2. The next item of new business was **Classroom Shortage Solutions**. Classroom shortages, reasons for these shortages, and possible solutions to the problem were discussed. FSEC will wait for results from the Attendance Study to decide how to proceed.
3. The next item of new business was **Faculty Council Committee Appointments**. FSEC is obligated to put together a committee to develop and create an agenda for the upcoming Faculty Council meeting. Singh made a motion to make Osborn Chair of Committee. The motion was approved. Members of FSEC will bring some nominations for other committee members to the next meeting.
4. The next item of new business was **Nominating Committee**. FS elections take place in April and the nomination committee presents the slate of candidates in March. Cobb will prepare a list of Senators who are rotating off and can serve on the committee.

Singh made a motion to suspend the agenda and consider **Laptop/Desktop Resolution from FSIT Committee and FSIT Committee Membership**.

5. The next item of new business was **Laptop/Desktop Resolution from FSIT Committee**. Faculty compliance with IT policies would be better if LSU provided computers for all faculty. A resolution, FS Resolution 25-02, sponsored by the LSU Faculty Senate IT Committee and ITS has been drafted.
6. The next item of new business was **FSIT Committee Membership**. Singh made a motion to re-appoint Larry Smolinsky and Thomas Douthat as voting members of FSIT. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. The next item of new business was **Pleasant Hall Office**. Cobb provided an update on the status of the Pleasant Hall Office.
8. The next item of new business was **Salary Study**. Bazayev *via* Singh has requested an update/conclusion/advice coming from the Benefits committee regarding salaries.
9. The next item of new business was **Ad hoc Committee on GAI and Academic Policies**. Several Faculty Senators and FSEC members have reached out about serving on the committee. Provost Haggerty is supportive of the committee. Tirone will reach out to get a staff appointee and a student government representative. Provost Haggerty asked Emily Hatfield to share reports of three AI committees put together by Bazayev. FSEC will work to populate the committee by next week.
10. The next item of new business was **Faculty Senate Webpages**. Singh made a motion to appoint the secretary, Osborn, as the point person for the FS Webpages, and Tricia will help with design and implementation. The motion was unanimously approved.
11. The next item of new business was **Proctored Exams**. This item was discussed in item 3 of the President's Updates.

Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary