



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

30 September 2026

2:00 pm, 135J Thomas Boyd Hall

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Present : 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 : Inessa Bazayev (Past President), Kelsey Brannon (Coordinator)

Guests : Kayden Wright (at 3 pm)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 2:01 pm on 07 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 announced that Kayden Wright will be joining the meeting at 3 pm to discuss the line-dancing initiative. Kayden would like to serve on the C&C Committee.
2. President Tirone and VP Lopata met with ORED to discuss issues around research security.
3. Tirone mentioned that some College of Science faculty want a plaque installed in the lobby of the Interdisciplinary Science building to acknowledge the contributions Cynthia Peterson made to its construction during her time as Dean. Tirone is in conversations with the LSU Foundation about what is appropriate for this kind of commemoration; will merit a FS resolution.
4. Tirone spoke with IT regarding the FS office space in Pleasant Hall.
5. Tirone and Lopata will meet with Academic Affairs on 08 October and will include an agenda item for faculty communication.

Lopata moves to suspend the agenda to take up ITGC. Motion passes.

ITGC

A question arose at the recent ITGC meeting about the university's purchasing licenses that give access to Claude Code. Lopata stresses that these licenses are not for students; but that it is a good example of how acquisitions will come faster than policies. The committee also discussed Zoom licenses. ITGC plans to identify the top Zoom users and ask those individuals for input on their usage of the platform. Finally, Craig Wooley will come visit the Faculty Senate for our November meeting.

Healy moves to continue suspending the agenda to discuss the ASH proposal. Motion passes.

ASH Proposal

The ASH committee responded to the FSEC's concerns about certain details lacking from the Ag Center proposal. Each department in Ag has their own degree requirements; the conflict at the heart of the proposal is between department requirements and college policy. Each department requires a composition course and also has an analytical reasoning requirement at some point during the degree. Howe moves to recall the motion from ASH committee; motion passes. Kazuschyk moves to approve the ASH proposal; motion passes.

Unfinished Business

1. Committee Appointments.

1. We still need 3 people for Budget & Planning; 9 for Adjudication; multiple for Appeals Board.
2. Clay Benton's focus group for Workday Student – nobody from Business, Mass Comm, or Art & Design. Group meeting is Friday 16 October.
3. Policy Committee. Needs at least 2 more people. Tirone asks for names.

Guests : Tiger Trailride Collaboration

Kayden Wright introduced his colleagues from the Tiger Trailride Collaboration. Their focus has been on line-dancing as community outreach and community service. They are excited to work with FSEC to host a line-dancing event for faculty. Discussion included questions of space choice and availability on campus: the Union is a possibility, as is the Kinesiology mirrored dance room. The Collaborative and FSEC also addressed the issue of when to schedule this event. The week of 9 November was mentioned as a possibility, and the time would be 5-9 pm. Wright and colleagues endorsed faculty bringing their families as well, though it involves a few extra steps for Risk Management. The event will be marketed via Instagram, a tailgate event, and the general LSU schedule; Kayden and company will start working on graphics and logistics so we can get the word out and get faculty on board. He will also put FSEC in touch with Campus Life.

Unfinished Business (cont'd) ...

- WEFMSK. Peters-Hill still cannot access recordings. We will make box permissions open globally.
- Broadcast email – President's report; WEFMSK; update on D/S and OPT (now requires a \$70K pre-application fee); auxiliary services; national transfer student awareness week (19 October). Can include news of line-dancing event. Will go out early next week with August and September minutes.
- 15 October FS meeting agenda – George Judy memorial at meeting; elections for B&P, Adjud, and Appeals; Emily Elliott will present on AI Council; Emmett Brown will present on EM survey. Kazuschyk moves to approve agenda; motion passes.

New Business

1. 9 November FS meeting – may include reading of resolution re: College of Science; Craig Wooley on Zoom; Study Abroad; Sean Courtney (Research Security Office for LSU and ORED) with a research security presentation.
2. December meeting – having a research security presentation has to happen before January. Worth maintaining the meeting even if it's the only presentation.

Howe moves to adjourn; motion passes. Adjournment at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Peters-Hill, Secretary