



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
13 August 2024  
12:30 pm, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

#### **Attendance**

**Present:** Daniel Tirone (President), Michelle Osborn (Secretary), Kyla Kazuschyk (Member-at-Large), Ken Lopata (Member-at-Large), Tricia Cobb (Administrative Assistant)

**Absent:** Inessa Bazayev (Past-President); Parampreet Singh (Vice-President)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:32 pm on August 13, 2024, at the Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music 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.

#### **President's Updates**

1. Tirone is scheduled to meet this Thursday with President Tate, Ashley Arceneaux (Chief of Staff, Office of the President) and Olivia Phelps (President, Staff Senate) to discuss updates for the upcoming year.
2. Tirone communicated FSEC resolution regarding informal resolution to SAA and Provost Haggerty. The point was clarified that, while faculty do not control SAA, additional faculty activity or endorsement of the informal resolution program would need to come from the Full Senate in Spring 25. The program is being piloted in the academic year 24-25.

#### **New Business**

1. The first item of new business was **Senate Accounts**. Cobb discussed the status of the two Senate accounts: the primary account funded by Academic Affairs, which is used for operating expenses; and the President's Account, on which we are waiting on the annual allocation. Cobb will meet with Ryan Landry (Office of Academic Affairs) to discuss the budget and specifics about the President's account.
2. The next item of new business was **Senate Office**. The blueprint of the FS office in Pleasant Hall looks very functional. FSEC will wait to approve the purchase of furniture and materials until accounts are in order.
3. The next item of new business was **First Senate Meeting and Reception**. The Provost's Office has agreed to fund the FS reception. Invitations to the President's Cabinet and Deans will be sent out in the next day or two. The Agenda was discussed and will be finalized at next week's FSEC meeting.
4. The next item of new business was **Senator Election Reminders**. It is the time of year to contact units that have not yet submitted the names of new Senators. A motion was made by Lopata to contact the units with outstanding senate seats. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. The next item of new business was **LSU Athletics Council**. There are a number of faculty whose terms ended in June 2024 and they need to be replaced. The role of faculty on the LSU Athletics Council was also discussed. The suggestion was made to get an annual report from the Council and, potentially, other Senate committees. A motion was made by Kazuschyk to solicit volunteers/nominations for the Athletics Council at the August FS meeting that will be collected by FSEC and sent to the President's Office; and to request an end of the year report. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. The next item of new business was **Retirement Task Force**. Representative Bacala (Louisiana House of Representatives) put together this committee through a resolution in the Spring to discuss how to improve public employee retirement options. The meeting was at the end of July with representatives from each of the higher ed systems, the legislature, and TRSL. LSU sent Keena Arbuthnot, Sheantel Baker, Param Singh- Faculty Senate was not consulted on selection of the LSU representatives. Three more meetings are scheduled for this semester to continue discussions; there will be a report of committee discussions.
7. The last item of new business was **Foundation Account**. Bazayev previously met with a member of the LSU foundation about opening an account. Due to new constraints on certain types of accounts (e.g., no coverage of meals), FSEC discussed the pros (e.g., less restraints on spending) and cons (e.g., how to get funds) of having an account, and further questions (e.g., transferring of funds from other accounts). A motion was made by Kazuschyk for Tirone to reach out to the Foundation to investigate the possibility of opening an account and to see what that process entails. The motion was unanimously approved.

Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary