LSU
Faculty Senate

LSU Faculty Senate Meeting

3:00 pm, January 23, 2023

Dalton Woods Auditorium, Coast and Environment

FSEC Member	Position	College	Attendance
Inessa Bazayev	President	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Mandi Lopez	Past President	Veterinary Clinical Sciences	P
Daniel Tirone	Vice President	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Meredith Veldman	Secretary	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Kyla Kazuschyk	Member-at-Large	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Kevin Ringelman	Member-at-Large	Agriculture	P
Parampreet Singh	Member-at-Large	Science	P

Senators

Senator Name	College	Attendance		Senator Name	College	Attendance
Achyut Adhikari	Agriculture	P				
Lori Bade	Music and Dramatic Arts	P		Joan King	Agriculture	P
Scott Baldridge	Science	P		Heather Kirk-Ballard	Agriculture	P
Maria Bampasidou	Agriculture	P		Gerry Knapp	Engineering	A
John Bardes	Humanities and Social Sciences	A		Carlos Lee	Human Sciences and Education	A
				Tracy LeBlanc	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Estanislado Barrera	Human Sciences and Education	A		Joseph Legoria	Business	A
				Kenneth Lopata	Science	P
Gerald Baumgartner	Engineering	P		James Madden	Science	P
Hana Beloglavec	Music and Dramatic Arts	P		Robert Mann	Mass Communication	P

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				Carmela Mattza	HSS	P
Pam Blanchard	Human Sciences and Education	P		Louay Mohammad	Engineering	P
Margo Brault	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Wayne Newhauser	Science	P
Kellie Brisini	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Arthur Penn	Veterinary Medicine	A
James Canfield	Human Sciences and Education	P		Leonard Ray	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
Elizabeth Carter	Law Center	A		Helen Regis	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
John Church	Law Center	P		Sarah Peppin Rosser	Humanities and Social Sciences	A
				Jeffrey Roland	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Robert Cook	Science	P		Michael Russo	LSU Libraries	P
				Edward Shihadeh	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Fabio Del Piero	Veterinary Medicine	P		Wei-Ling Song	Business	P
William Doerrler	Science	P		Paul Soto	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alternate Chris Cox
Kerry Dooley	Engineering	A		Brenton Stewart	Human Sciences and Education	P
Thomas Douthat	Coast and Environment	P		Michelle Todd	Human Sciences and Education	P
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P		Jim Van Scotter	Business	A
Mostafa Elseifi	Engineering	A		Adriano Vatta	Veterinary Medicine	P
Serap Erincin	Humanities and Social Sciences	A				
Jake Esselstyn	Science	P				
Matthew Freeman	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Muhammad A Wahab	Engineering	A
Lisa Fultz	Agriculture	P		Paulo Waltrich	Engineering	A
Janene Grodesky	Human Sciences and Education	Alternate Ryan Hulteen		Julie Wright Rollins	Human Sciences and Education	P
Roy Heidelberg	Business	P		Jianan Wu	Business	P
Achim Herrmann	Science	P		Yejun Wu	Human Sciences and Education	P
Matthew Hiatt	Coast and Environment	P		None elected	AAAS	Alternate Jon Snow
Robert Holton	Art and Design	P				

Guests

Name	Position	Attendance
Clay Harris	Athletics	P
John Hopkins	C & C Comm	P
Piper Hutchinson	Reveillw	P
Kip Matthews	ILC Comm	P
Cathy Williams	ASH Comm	P
Jim Spencer	Dean, Graduate School	P
Keli Zika	Athletics	P

Call to Order by Pres. Bazayev at 3:00 pm.

Public Comments on Agenda Item(s): None.

Consideration of Dec. 1, 2022 minutes: Robert Cook moved to approve. Passed by acclamation.

President's Report:

--**Zero-Based Budget and Graduate Student Stipends** Committees continue to meet and FSEC continues to convey faculty concerns. Report from ZBB submitted to the provost on Friday, Jan. 20. FSEC is pushing for the report to be made public.

--**Extreme building temperatures** (below 60 and above 90) continue to have a negative impact on faculty productivity and teaching. FSEC has asked that a representative from Facilty Services attend the Feb. Faculty senate meeting to answer questions and to provide a time line for remedying the problems. Senators are asked to urge the members of their units to report all problems to as many channels as are available. An email outlining those channels was sent to all senators after the meeting.

--**Problem with Fall 22 student evaluations** resolved in that evaluations submitted after the initial deadline were only released at the request of the instructor. Robert Cook asked that Bazayev demand a written commitment that no late evals will be released to any administrators. Bazayev agreed.

--**PM-11** (concerning outside employment contracts) delays in obtaining approval should now be resolved, after discussions with Academic Affairs. Other concerns with the policy memorandum still exist and are the subject of discussion between FSEC and Academic Affairs.

--The new **Faculty Senate website** is up and running. Senators are asked to look it over and report any problems to Bazayev.

--FS administrative coordinator Sarah Williamson Richard is leaving for another position, effective January 24. Bazayev and Vice-President Tirone have initiated the process with HR for hiring a replacement.

Faculty Senate Standing Committee Presentations

- John Hopkins, Courses and Curricula Committee chair

- Kip Matthews, Integrative Learning Core Committee chair
- Cathleen Williams, Admissions, Standards, and Honors (ASH) Committee chair

Each reviewed the membership and charge of the committee and discussed typical issues and concerns.

New Business

Resolution 23-01, "Resolution to Expand Retirement Choices for LSU Employees"

Sponsored by the Benefits Advisory Committee

Roy Heidelberg introduced the resolution and noted that the Benefits Advisory Committee is working with the Staff Senate on a companion resolution. He also noted the importance of communicating with faculty on this issue, and of President Tate and the administration working with the LA Senate.

The ensuing discussion ranged widely, with many senators seeking further details as to the content of the legislation within the Louisiana Senate Finance Committee and the implementation of the new policy, should it pass into LA law. Senators expressed interest in the Benefits Advisory Committee pursuing a separate resolution RE inflation pressures on TSRL pensions.

Presentation by Keli Zinn, Executive Deputy Director and COO of LSU Athletics, and Clay Harris, Deputy Director of Athletics for Revenue Generation, on LSU's contract with Caesar's Sportbook

Harris gave an overview of the Caesar's Partnership:

--Caesar's receives access to prime signage, radio spots, tv spots, print, lsusports.net and use of LSU logo.

--LSU Athletics receives in exchange lots of money. No figures given but Caesar's is now one of the highest donors to LSU Athletics.

--contract runs thru 2026

Harris emphasized that Caesar's agreed to "responsibility messaging"—usually in the form of a banner giving a phone number to call if viewer has a gambling problem. He noted that their research shows that 97% of LSU fans overall and 91% of LSU fans at football games are over age 21.

Zinn noted that the broadcast email sent out to all students and faculty (urging us all to place our first bet thru the Caesar's app) was the product of serious human error and would not happen again, and that Caesar's does not target minors.

The ensuing question and answer period was lively, with many senators expressing skepticism about the insistence that minors were not targeted and dismay over LSU Athletics' willingness to place revenue ahead of both student welfare and the university's stated mission.

Other points of note:

- LSU Sports Properties, the exclusive marketing & multimedia rights holder of LSU Athletics since 2005, is a private corporation, a separate legal entity from LSU, and not subject to public disclosure laws. All agreements thru LSU Sports Properties are protected; the secrecy surrounding the contract with Caesar's was not unique.
- According to Zinn, the contract with Caesar's was approved "by the university." The contract was signed before she came to LSU Athletics and so she said she did not know who in the university approved it. After being questioned by Joan King, Zinn agreed to find out who did so and to inform the Faculty Senate.
- No faculty committee consults with LSU Sports Properties.

Adjournment 4:33.