



## Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

7 October 2024

12:30pm, Virginia Martin-Howard Boardroom, School of Music

### 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:**

**Guests:** Dana Browne (Dept. of Physics & Astronomy)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 12:32 pm on October 7, 2024, in 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 was contacted by a faculty member and asked about the impact of graduate student funding changes on graduate student enrollment across campus. Bazayev will contact Keena Arbuthnot (Vice President and Chief Data Officer, Dean of Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School) about this.
2. Singh & Tirone met with the student body President and Vice President. Their discussion topics included collaboration between Faculty Senate and Student Government on a student attendance survey, and also enrollment concerns.
3. Tirone attended the regularly scheduled Campus Safety meeting. Two topics were of interest to faculty: 1. Concerns with student scooter use on campus; and 2. Potential changes to the remote learning plan.
4. Tirone had a routine meeting with the General Counsel's Office.
5. Tirone met with Student Advocacy and Accountability to discuss the SAA & Faculty Joint Committee for Informal Resolution of Academic Infractions. The committee will meet this Fall to consider aggregated data and will report on this data in the Spring.
6. Singh & Tirone met with the Provost and Vice Provost. Discussion topics included 1. the name of the LSU Online Faculty Council; 2. LSU's Moodle license, including Singh's upcoming trip to learn about Moodle; and 3. Faculty presence on campus (e.g., for time-sensitive research experiments) when campus is closed.
7. Tirone discussed with OAA a question about students being voting members of college level Courses & Curriculum Committees. SACS says that the curriculum is the responsibility of the faculty. At the University level and Senate level, students are not voting members. There is no

policy that explicitly address this so departments can elect to do this, but the FSEC recommendation is “no”.

8. Tirone met with Jason Droddy (Vice President, Strategy & Public Policy). Topics of discussion included 1. Increasing the number of tenured/tenure-track faculty in the next few years; 2. Faculty salaries; and 3. Faculty involvement in the Strategic Plan.

### **Unfinished**

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Committee Appointments**. Singh made a motion to appoint Nicolette Davis as interim Chair for DEI committee. The motion was unanimously approved. Kazuschyk made a motion to appoint the following faculty to the joint SAA and Faculty Informal Resolution Committee: Joan King (Ag Center), Inessa Bazayev (Music), Catherine Deibel (Science); Michael Dettinger (HSS; needs to be contacted). The motion was unanimously approved. The Policy Committee is still in need of members. The Student Sustainability Fund needs two faculty members.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and consider **Summer Class Schedule** as the next item on the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

FSEC welcomed Dana Browne, Associate Chair of Instruction In Physics and Astronomy. Browne discussed issues with recent changes to class schedules in the summer that result in less contact time with students and difficulties for students to get to their next class. With the transition to Workday Student, the Summer and next Fall are already being scheduled; President Tirone will send an email to the Registrar’s office for resolution as soon as possible.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up **International Travel Oversight Committee**. There were no objections to the motion.

Jane Cassidy (Senior Vice Provost) has requested 4 faculty names to consider for two faculty positions on the International Travel Oversight Committee. Tomislav Jelesijević (Vet Med) and Ken Lopata (Chemistry) were recommended. Additional faculty will be contacted for interest.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up **AAAS Event**. There were no objections to the motion.

Tirone discussed the potential for FS to support the AAAS Event. Singh made a motion to provide up to \$1000.00 to support the AAAS Event. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh made a motion to suspend the rules and take up **Professor Index**. There were no objections to the motion.

Nash Mahmoud (Computer Science) has requested that the Faculty Senate endorse his app, Professor Index. Lopata moved that FS is not in the business to endorse specific faculty products and so declines to endorse Professor Index. The motion was unanimously approved. Singh requested that Tirone email Mahmoud in response.

Singh moved to suspend the rules and take up **FSIT: GLEAN**. There were no objections to the motion.

Lopata reported to FSEC discussions in the FSIT committee about the use of GLEAN on campus.

Singh moved to suspend the rules and take up **New Senator and Committee Chair Orientations**. There were no objections to the motion.

Availability of new Senators and Committee Chairs overlapped. Osborn made a motion to combine the orientations as a “Senate Orientation” on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1:30pm. There were no objections to the motion.

Tricia will send out when2meet to schedule the next FSEC meeting.

Singh moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary