



## Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
13 December 2024  
10:00 am, 251 Music and Dramatic Arts Building

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting

#### Attendance

**Present:** Daniel Tirone (President), Inessa Bazayev (Past-President) *arrival time 11:38am*, 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)

**Guests:** Wen-Chieh Fan (Director Academic Technology LSU Online)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee convened at 10:00 am on December 13, 2024, 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 distributed.

Kazuschyk made a motion to suspend meeting and take up the Moodle presentation. The motion was unanimously approved.

Singh and Fan gave a presentation that i. compared the version of Moodle currently used at LSU and a newer, updated version that can better serve faculty and students; ii. outlined the steps needed to update Moodle; and iii. gave a timeline for changes. Faculty involvement was requested as part of an administrative committee that would include also LSU Online and ITS.

#### President's Updates

1. Tirone was contacted by a Student Senator regarding SGR 21 (addresses concerns of the use of online, fee-based platforms instead of Moodle). They will meet for discussion in January.
2. Singh and Tirone met with Jackie Bach (OAA) and Provost Haggerty to discuss the use of AER/OER materials, and LSU faculty-created materials.
3. Tirone reports no updates from the Board of Supervisors.
4. Tirone attended a meeting with Facility Services to discuss power outages and temperature issues, with a specific focus on creating solutions for better communication to faculty, staff, and students when there are issues with rooms/buildings.
5. Nikki Norton (HRM) has asked that FSEC advertise the crisis leave program.
6. Tirone attended the Campus Planning Oversight Committee to discuss campus initiatives.
7. Kappie Mumphrey (LSU Online) has reported that LSU has extended their contract with Coursera.
8. A committee of faculty has been formed to test Glean Licenses. Kazuschyk will chair the committee.
9. There is a discrepancy in the timing of online course evaluations. Tirone has reached out and

is awaiting response.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. The first item of unfinished business was **Attendance Study**. The survey instrument developed by Mattza will be reviewed Mattza and Bazayev, and then finalized FSEC. The goal is an early Spring roll out of the survey.
2. The next item of unfinished business was **Instructure**. The pending meeting has been cancelled because we're not actively investigating alternative LMS options.

### **New Business**

1. The first item of new business was **Minutes from 11/20 FS Meeting**. The minutes were reviewed and there were no comments/suggestions.
2. The next item of new business was **FSEC Spring Meeting Planning**. FSEC will meet on Fridays from 1:30-3:00 beginning January 17<sup>th</sup>. Cobb will send out a when2meet for scheduling a meeting the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. The next item of new business was **Retirement Task Force**. Singh provided a report on the progress of the committee.

Singh made a motion to suspend the agenda and move to Grammarly. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. The next item of new business was **Grammarly**. FSEC discussed the pending launch of Grammarly in the Spring. This topic will be further discussed at the meeting during the week of Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.
5. The next item of new business was **PM-23**. The revised draft was distributed to FSEC and comments/corrections requested by December 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. The next item of new business was **Panel on Academic Freedom**. FSEC members should consider potential speakers over the winter break.
7. The next item of new business was **9 Month and 12 Month Faculty Appointments**. Clarity has been requested for the leave policies for those faculty with 9 month appointments.
8. The next item of new business was **Final Exam Period**. The topic of increasing final exam period from five to eight days, in part to deal with testing center crowding, was discussed. Tirone will bring up at his next meeting with Provost Haggerty.

Kazuschyk moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Osborn, Secretary