



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2025
Noon to 1:00 pm
Room A-126 or Zoom

Senators Present: Rachelle Brown, Rob Jones, Leonor Gonzalez, Bridget Thibodeaux (Zoom), Lisa Lafleur, Kina Sweet, Alyssa Marcel, Angela Sonnier, Elizabeth Monk, Gary Reeves, Kaitlyn Owen, Karen Dalfrey

Senators Absent: David Asbury

Administrative Council Representative: Paul Fowler

Staff Senate Representative: none

Student Government Association Representative: none

Administration: Nancee Sorenson

Guests: Maura Cavell, Renee Guillory, Rachel Kopp, Summer Ford, Leah Emmons, Brannon Borill, Cassie Jobe-Ganuchau

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chair Rachelle Brown.

II. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Angela Sonnier, seconded by Alyssa Marcel, to adopt minutes from September 8, 2025. Motion carried.

III. Chairperson's and Administrative Reports

A. Rachelle Brown:

The institution is engaged in strategic planning. Articles I and II of the Constitution emphasize Faculty Senate's role in assessing programs and academics. Senators will be asked to gather input from their program heads and deans regarding how LSUE can strengthen programs, define goals, and identify student needs.

B. Dr. Nancee Sorenson

- Dr. Stewart was absent due to a **Workforce Pell** meeting.
- System President Search: Interviews expected in 10days to –2 weeks; Faculty Senate will participate through CoFA.
- Donnie Thibodeaux was promoted to Dean of Enrollment Management, overseeing admissions, registrar functions, and Workday academic processes.

- Vice Chancellor Searches (Academic Affairs/Provost and Business Affairs) are underway.
- Healthcare Symposium: October 23, featuring Senator Brach Myers and LDH Secretary Bruce Greenstein.
- Executive Leadership Meeting: Dr. Stewart to attend October 23.
- Board of Supervisors Meeting: October 24.

C. Dr. Paul Fowler

- The Student Achievement Report was accepted by the Cabinet. Only 20–24 objectives out of 200 were not met, highlighting areas for improvement and data review.

D. Staff Senate (via Chair Brown)

- **Trunk or Treat:** October 26, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Faculty encouraged to volunteer.
- **Student Nursing Association** will host games and activities for the participants standing in line.
- Contact Rachele Brown if you would like to sign-up to volunteer for any part of the day.

E. Student Government- No representative present.

F. Cassie Jobe-Ganucheau (via Zoom): Joined at 12:26pm

- Her department is preparing for **Spring Advising**.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Policy Committee

Two policies under review:

- Policy 47: Workforce Innovation/Continuing Education – refund updates.
- Policy P12: Revisions based on correcting links and naming the correct institutions (LSUE vs LSU)
Members: Kina Sweet, Bridget Thibodeaux, Karen Dalfrey.

B. Courses and Curriculum

- The committee has not yet met.

C. Retention Subcommittee

- Collaborating with CTL and SOVA Consulting on the Teaching and Learning Initiative. Paul Fowler will share the 2023–24 Board of Regents Report with the group.

D. Teacher Excellence Subcommittee

- A new chair is needed. A question was raised whether the Chair must be a Faculty Senator.

E. Faculty Professional Development Funds Committee

- Has not yet met; membership to be confirmed.

G. AI On-Campus Subcommittee

- See New Business.

V. Old Business

- **Senator Election:** Kristen Sonnie elected, awaiting confirmation.
- **Mission Statement:** Revised to include *communities, partnership-driven, Louisiana, and workforce*. Feedback encouraged. Senators agreed with new version.
- **Faculty Bios:** Headshots October 14–15; bios (≤ 200 words, third person) to be uploaded to Teams.
- **Work-Life Balance Survey:** Chair Brown to meet with Dr. Stewart to review findings and how they correlate to policies.
- **Constitution Review:** Articles I & II discussion set for October 20 at noon in A-126.
- **Workday Directory:** Available for faculty and staff.

VI. New Business

A. AI Committee – Karen Dalfrey

Committee continues to address AI policy and procedures:

- LSU Executive Order focuses on faculty AI use; LSUE committee will address student use and academic integrity.
- AI language has been added to the Student Code of Conduct (signed electronically in Workday by students this fall).
- Developing an AI violation flowchart to guide faculty on how to handle AI issues.
- Exploring faculty professional development needs; a survey may be distributed. The committee will await further LSU guidance from executive order before finalizing policy.

B. Bengal Brags

- Dr. Rob Jones and Mrs. Symantha Jones presented in a conference in Germany; invited to present again in Venice, Italy in 2027.
- URSI Presentation: October 17, noon, A-127.
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C. Next Meetings

- **Faculty Senate:** November 3, 2025
- **Constitution Review:** October 20, 2025

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. by Rob Jones; seconded by Kina Sweet.

