



Louisiana State University at Eunice

Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

Meeting Attendance

Name and Title	Status
Ms. Kristie Broussard Leger, Dean, Div of HSBT & Public Protection & Safety	Off campus
Ms. Rachelle Brown, Instructor, Communications, Faculty Senate Chairperson	Present
Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator	Present
Mr. Audwin Donatto, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs	Present
Mr. Juan Dorta, Assistant Director, Strategic Communications	
Ms. Amanda Dunlap, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Department Chair, Mathematics	Present
Ms. Alisha Fontenot, Director of Dual Enrollment & LSUE Academy	Present
Dr. Billy Fontenot, Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences	Present
Dr. Cheryl Fruge, Dean of Student Engagement	Present
Ms. Courtney Fruge, HR Manager, Chair of Staff Senate	Present
Ms. Jamie Funk, Manager – Office of Business Affairs	Online
Ms. Ashley Green, Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technology	
Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology	Work Day
Ms. Cassie Jobe Ganucheau, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	Present
Ms. Carey Lawson, Associate VC of University Advancement & Exec Dir of the LSUE Foundation	Present
Ms. Felicia “Nikki” May, Assoc Prof of Business Admin, Depart Chair for Business Technology	Present
Dr. Douglas Narby, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Associate Professor of Psychology	Present
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	Present
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Dean of Enrollment Management	
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	Baseball
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Baseball
Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. Charles Stewart, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

- I. Approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2026 – motioned by Gary Reeves; seconded by Courtney Fruge. There were no additional comments and no dissent.

Fowler also noted that the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2026. He noted that the March 16th date was three weeks from the current meeting.

- II. Set operational parameters for Goal 4.

- a. Increase Success: LSU Eunice will increase the course success rate for all courses taken by all students in an academic year by 5.25% from a baseline of 73.80% beginning AY 2023-2024 to 79.05% in AY 2030-2031. The 73.80% was calculated by taking all A, B, C, and Ps for pass divided by the total instances of course taking beginning AY 2010-2011 through AY 2023-2024. An academic year includes all 16-week courses and all courses offered during both 8-week sessions within a standard semester.
- b. Decrease Withdrawals: LSU Eunice will decrease the course withdrawal rate for all courses taken by all students in an academic year by 1.75% from a baseline of 10.17% beginning AY 2023-2024 to 8.42% in AY 2030-2031. The 10.17% was calculated by taking all student withdrawals divided by the total instances of course taking beginning AY 2010-2011 through AY 2023-2024. An academic year includes all 16-week courses and all courses offered during both 8-week sessions offered within a standard semester.

Fowler discussed briefly noting that the numerical data from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2023-2024 was slightly skewed and therefore, not a normal curve in either case. He also noted that the following:

Success: $\bar{x}$ = 73.9% with s.d. = 1.489%; AY 24-25 success rate = 78.51% > 3 s.d. = 78.367% above the mean.

Withdraw: $\bar{x}$ = 10.3% with s.d. = 0.823; AY 24-25 withdrawal rate = 7.70% < 3 s.d. = 7.831% below the mean.

The committee decided to leave the success rate to increase by 5.25% percentage points and withdrawal rate to decrease by 1.75% percentage points as shown above.

III. Break up into subcommittees

- a. Transfer Degree Program – continue planning offerings for fall 2026
- b. Courses – continue examining existing courses to offer for fall 2026 and possible new ones that might be offered in the future.
- c. General Purpose – continue editing the introductory information for vision, mission, etc.

IV. Other business – there was no other business.

V. Adjournment – motioned by Courtney Fruge; seconded by Audwin Donatto. There were no additional comments and no dissent.

Success and withdrawal rates presented at the meeting.

Louisiana State University at Eunice Success (A, B, C and P for pass only) and Withdrawal Rates by Academic Year (Fall and Spring only) Data is Generated by Institutional Research															
Description/Academic Year	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	n (10-11 - 23-24)
Total n success	15350	14570	14512	13165	13092	12764	14301	15077	15721	15006	14950	13979	15095	16419	204001
Total n course-taking	21706	19917	19531	17590	17574	16996	19140	19940	21363	19942	20750	19657	20193	22111	276410
Percent Success-all courses	70.7	73.2	74.3	74.8	74.5	75.1	74.7	75.6	73.6	75.2	72.0	71.1	74.8	74.3	73.8
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Total n withdrawal	2349	2092	1938	1699	1733	1688	1968	1903	2541	1808	2456	2239	2009	2249	28672
Total n course-taking	21706	19917	19531	17590	17574	16996	19140	19940	21363	19942	20750	19657	20193	22111	276410
Percent Withdrawal-all courses	10.8	10.5	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.3	9.5	11.9	9.1	11.8	11.4	9.9	10.2	10.4

