



**Louisiana State University at Eunice**  
**Strategic Planning Committee**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2026**

**Meeting Attendance**

| Name and Title                                                                                     | Status     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ms. Kristie Broussard Leger, Dean, Div of HSBT & Public Protection & Safety                        | Present    |
| Ms. Rachelle Brown, Instructor, Communications, Faculty Senate Chairperson                         | Present    |
| Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator                   | Zoom       |
| Mr. Audwin Donatto, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs                                            | Off campus |
| 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, Interim Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences                                    | Present    |
| Dr. Cheryl Fruge, Dean of Student Engagement                                                       | Present    |
| Ms. Courtney Fruge, HR Manager, Chair of Staff Senate                                              | Off-campus |
| Ms. Jamie Funk, Manager – Office of Business Affairs                                               | Present    |
| Ms. Ashley Green, Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technology                                    | Present    |
| Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology                                            | Workday    |
| 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         |            |
| 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                                               | Present    |
| Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication                                               |            |
| Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics                                                             | Practice   |
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| Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)                                                       | Off campus |
| 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 April 13, 2026, motioned by Amanda Dunlap and seconded by Alisha Fontenot. There was no dissent.
- II. Reports from the Subcommittees
  - a. Transfer Degree Programs – thoughts on using AALT and ASLT instead of AGS? Begin working on program pathways. The committee recommended that

Fowler check with Dr. Stewart. There was a question of using the AGS instead of the AALT or ASLT.

- b. Courses – courses being offered for fall that have not been offered for several semesters (Calculus III and Dairy Science); offering the new Geology course. Are any other courses being developed? There was no report.
- c. General Purpose – determine whether LSUE is keeping the philosophy statement (item III); if so, edit it. If not begin editing the strategic planning document.

- III. Does the LSU Eunice Strategic Plan need a philosophy? Current (not edited)  
LSU Eunice is committed to the principle that individuals should have the opportunity to develop themselves through education commensurate with their capabilities and interests. To this end, LSUE strives to provide educational programs and related services which reflect and respond to the diversified interests, aptitudes, talents, needs, and goals of its constituency.

Do other LSU Campuses have a philosophy statement in their strategic plans?

- No: LSU (Flagship - Baton Rouge)
- No: LSU Alexandria (LSUA)
- No: LSU Shreveport (LSUS)
- No: LSU Health New Orleans
- ?: LSU Health Shreveport (strategic plan not listed)
- Yes: Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Yes: LSU AgCenter

After seeing that many other LSU institutions had no philosophy and some discussion, the group decided to eliminate the philosophy because it was considered redundant.

- IV. Breakup into subcommittees after the philosophy discussion

The group spent the remaining time discussing the current draft and updating some of the language. The group felt that the Strategic Initiatives and the details on the strategic goals should remain separated.

Fowler mentioned that the next meeting was next week on May 4, 2026, at 3 pm in the same room. He also mentioned that there were two meetings in June held on Tuesdays – June 9 at 3 pm and June 23 at 3 pm – both in the same room.

- V. Adjournment – motioned by Rachelle Brown and seconded by Kristie Leger. There was no dissent.