



Louisiana State University at Eunice
Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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	On Zoom
Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator	
Mr. Audwin Donatto, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs	
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	Present
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	
Ms. Cassie Jobe Ganucheau, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	Helping ODS
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	
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Dean of Enrollment Management	Present
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	Softball in MS
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Practice
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 April 27, 2026. – Billy Fontenot Motioned and Jamie Funk seconded. No discussion took place. There was no dissent.
- II. Transfer Degree Programs Subcommittee

Is the AGS, AALT, or the ASLT going to be used to create the pathways – as the legislature may not wish to fund the AGS, the decision was made to model the degree pathways through the AALT and ASLT.

III. Course Subcommittee – no report

IV. General Purpose Subcommittee

- a. Should the Louisiana Department of Health grant be mentioned in the plan?
This is the Rural Health Transformation Fund Grant – yes, it should be mentioned.
Where should it be placed? Fowler will talk to the Chancellor.

- b. Should the scholar house be mentioned in the plan?
No, it is on hold.

- c. Continue editing the strategic plan with the introductions to the strategic initiatives included. These short introductions were added to each section with the assistance of artificial intelligence.

A new initiative – student support – was added with the following narrative:

Student support is essential to strengthening retention, completion, and long-term success for every LSU Eunice learner. By coordinating proactive advising, academic assistance, and wraparound services, the university will remove barriers, guide students through key milestones, and promote a strong sense of belonging. The initiatives below align resources and systems to help students persist, graduate, and transition successfully to careers or further study. Several bullet points were made in the Strategic Planning document. The actual support may included some of the following:

- **Expanded orientation and first-year experience** (extended onboarding, success modules, early checkpoints)
- **Early alert + case management** for attendance, grades, and “stop-out” risk (coordinated outreach and referrals)
- **Career services expansion** (career coaching, internships/apprenticeships, employer days, resume/interview support)
- **Mental health counseling and wellness programming** (including tele-mental health options)
- **Basic needs support** (food pantry, emergency micro-grants, housing insecurity support, childcare referrals)
- **Financial aid literacy + completion support** (FAFSA nights, verification help, scholarship coaching, SAP support)
- **Accessibility/Disability services enhancements** (testing accommodations, assistive technology, accessible course materials)
- **Wraparound support for online and adult learners** (virtual tutoring, evening/weekend services, flexible advising)
- **Student engagement and belonging initiatives** (clubs, leadership programs, commuter student programming)
- **Transfer and pathway support** (2+2 mapping, transfer advising, reverse transfer, articulation communication)
- **Learning support beyond tutoring** (supplemental instruction, embedded tutors, writing center, mathematics laboratory)
- **Academic success workshops** (study skills, time management, test anxiety, note-taking)
- **Technology access support** (digital literacy skills for each program, loaner laptops/hotspots, low-cost printing, technical help desk/student training)

- **Support for special populations** (first-generation, dual enrollment, student-parents, veterans, international as applicable)

Beyond discussing the new initiative and the items in 2-a,b, several suggestions were made and the document was updated.

V. Reminder of summer 2026 meeting in June only:

- a. June 9, 2026, at 3 pm in Mumphrey-127 - **Cancelled**
- b. June 23, 2026, at 3 pm in Mumphrey-127 - **Cancelled**

VI. Adjournment – motioned by Courtney Fruge and seconded by Billy Fontenot. No discussion took place. There was no dissent.