



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, Aug. 29th, 2022**  
**Dalton Woods Auditorium, Coast and Environment**

***Attendance***

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**

P = Present

FSEC Member	Position	College	Attendance
Inessa Bazayev	President	Music & Dramatic Arts	P
Mandi Lopez	Past President	Veterinary Clinical Sciences	P
Daniel Tirone	Vice President	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Meredith Veldman	Secretary	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Jeffrey Roland	Member-at-Large	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Parampreet Singh	Member-at-Large	Science	P

**Senators**

Senator Name	College	Attendance	Senator Name	College	Attendance
Achyut Adhikari	Agriculture	P	Kyla Kazuschyk	Music and Dramatic Arts	P
Lori Bade	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Joan King	Agriculture	P
Scott Baldridge	Science	P	Heather Kirk-Ballard	Agriculture	P
Maria Bampasidou	Agriculture	P	Gerry Knapp	Engineering	
John Bardes	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Carlos Lee	Human Sciences and Education	P
Estanislado Barrera	Human Sciences and Education	Alternate: Kim Skinner	Joseph Legoria	Business	
Gerald Baumgartner	Engineering	P	James Madden	Science	P
Hana Beloglavec	Music and Dramatic Arts	P	Robert Mann	Mass Communication	P
Pam Blanchard	Human Sciences and Education	P	Louay Mohammad	Engineering	P
Margo Brault	Humanities and Social Sciences	P	Wayne Newhauser	Science	P

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Kellie Brisini	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Arthur Penn	Veterinary Medicine	
James Canfield	Human Sciences and Education			Leonard Ray	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Elizabeth Carter	Law Center			Helen Regis	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alternate: Brittany Cook
John Church	Law Center	P		Kevin Ringelman	Agriculture	P
Robert Cook	Science	P		Sarah Peppin Rosser	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Fabio Del Piero	Veterinary Medicine	P		Michael Russo	LSU Libraries	P
William Doerrler	Science	P		Edward Shihadeh	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Kerry Dooley	Engineering	P		Wei-Ling Song	Business	P
Thomas Douthat	Coast and Environment	P		Paul Soto	Humanities and Social Sciences	P
Hallie Dozier	Agriculture	P		Brenton Stewart	Human Sciences and Education	P
Mostafa Elseifi	Engineering	P		Jim Van Scotter	Business	P
Jake Esselstyn	Science	P		Michelle Todd	Human Sciences and Education	P
Lori Favela	Humanities and Social Sciences	Alternate: Andy Trevathan		Adriano Vatta	Veterinary Medicine	P
Matthew Freeman	Humanities and Social Sciences	P		Mark Wagner	Humanities and Social Sciences	
Lisa Fultz	Agriculture	P		Muhammad A Wahab	Engineering	Alternate: Fereydoun Aghazadeh
Janene Grodesky	Human Sciences and Education	P		Paulo Waltrich	Engineering	P
Roy Heidelberg	Business	P		Julie Wright Rollins	Human Sciences and Education	P
Achim Herrmann	Science	P		Jianan Wu	Business	P
Matthew Hiatt	Coast and Environment	P		Yejun Wu	Human Sciences and Education	P
Robert Holton	Art and Design	P				
Kenneth Lopata	Science	P				

## Guests

Name	Position	Attendance
William Tate, IV	LSU President	P
Roy Haggerty	LSU Provost	P

President Inessa Bazayev **called the meeting to order** at 3:00 pm.

**Attendance** was taken via sign-in sheets. Senate Coordinate Susannah Knoll announced that a **quorum was present**.

President Bazayev announced the **alternative representatives**: Fereydoun Aghazadeh for Muhammad Wahab, Brittany Cook for Helen Regis, Kim Skinner for Estanislado Barrera, Andy Tevathan for Lori Favela

Senator Joan King made a **point of order** to question whether a quorum was present. It was.

President Bazayev introduced the **guests**: President William Tate, Provost Roy Haggerty, Exec VP (Acad Affairs) Jackie Bach, Exec VP (Acad Affairs) Jane Cassidy, Executive Assistant to Provost Emily Hatfield, Arendt Van Gemmert (HSE), History Associate Professor Catherine Jacquet, Reveille reporter Piper Hutchison. President Bazayev also introduced the new Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

**Public comments** on agenda items: none.

**Consideration of minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting of April 25, 2022**: No discussion; no corrections. Robert Cook moved to accept the minutes as distributed; Fereydoun Aghazadeh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **President's report:**

- No meetings of the Louisiana State Senate Resolution 6 task force on tenure have been held but we are watching closely
- Faculty Senate guidebook will be distributed at next meeting
- Faculty Covid mitigation survey results to be released shortly
- Faculty concerns over 55/45 primetime class scheduling rule have been referred to the Committee on Academics, Standards, and Honors (ASH)
- VP Tirone and Bazayev met with Provost Haggerty re faculty concerns re the use of Zoom when testing positive for Covid: concerns immediately addressed in Aug 23 broadcast email
- Bazayev served as LA delegate to AAUP national meeting; AAUP speaker on Nov. 11: Taking Academic Freedom Seriously
- Broadcast email to all faculty re service opportunities on Faculty Senate committees
- Follow-up intended on last year's resolution re faculty compensation

#### **President Tate's address**

- Thanked the faculty for their service; acknowledged research awards and faculty excellence
- Clarified his reported lack of opposition to the LA Senate's task force on tenure: as he expected the majority of its members favor tenure; he sees the task force as a way of

publicizing what the faculty actually does and of correcting misconceptions about tenure; task force offers an opportunity to leverage support for higher ed

- Asked to be asked back to talk about money
- Funding for Humanities and Social Sciences: since 2001, “borderline nonexistent”-- \$2.2 m across the system. Need to go to private sources/ philanthropy.
- Strategic Plan. Right now looks like phone book—needs to be narrowed down. Which 2-3 programs need to be prioritized?
- Private donors don’t want to give discretionary funding. Need faculty input.
- Capital campaign: needs to be faculty-centric. Last campaign didn’t have Big Ideas. Strategic Planning should guide it.

*Questions for Pres. Tate:*

- Sen. King: Federal funding for roads on campus? Tate: Have reached out to state and mayor. Possibilities with tax credits. “Nothing pains me more than to see the library.” Have gotten money for design. Hoping for revenue over next five years.
- Sen. Margo Brault: RE Strategic Plan priorities--Will deans contact faculty or should faculty contact deans? Tate: I’ve already contacted deans; they should be contacting you. LSU overwhelmed with negative messaging. Many gems. Need to shine more brightly. Put money there so they overwhelm the negative. Historically, deans = managers. Now asking them to be resource developers as highest level.
- Sen. Roy Heidelberg: Discussed revenue side, what about expense side? Tate: Want to be 100% transparent. Compared LSU’s finances to an archaeological dig.
- Sen. King: College of Ag in flux with leadership. What are your plans? Tate: Looking for a leader who can decide if they want a dean to report to them or not. Looking at models at other Ag Schools. Dated tech’al infrastructure here—need design and resource strategy.

**Provost Haggerty’s address**

- Affirmed commitment to shared governance.
- Convinced Louisiana cannot prosper as a state without a great state university. Scholarship Pentagon excellent fit for LA, foundation for advancing LA wellbeing.
- Fundraising: Tate—1/4 of \$1.6 billion (1 year of 7-year campaign: 1.3 billion for LSU: 68% for academics)
- Practical matters: 4 dean searches (Mass Comm, MDA, Law, Ag); 73 dept meetings

*Questions for Provost Haggerty*

- Alternate Andy Trevathan: What is being done to improve disabled accessibility across campus? Tate answered: LSU has to do a study, show where the need is; have to do the study this year—then get the resources.
- Senator Cook: We lose a week (on average) of teaching because of hurricanes every year. Why can’t we build an extra week into the academic calendar? Haggerty: send me an email.

## **Unfinished Business**

Second reading of resolution 22-07: Professor Cat Jacquet from the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion requested that the reading be postponed until next month as the committee has not yet met to discuss the resolution. Senator Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. There no nays; there were no abstentions.

## **New Business**

### **1. Recognitions.**

President Bazayev thanked the outgoing FSEC members (Past President Ken McMillin, Vice President Joan King, Secretary Marwa Hassan, Member-at-Large Roger Laine, Member-at-Large Jeffrey Roland). She also thanked Susannah Knoll, who not only served as the Senate's Coordinator for the past five years but originated and shaped the Coordinator's position. Bazayev moved that the Senate recognize and thank Susannah for all her hard work; Senator Edward Shihadeh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Pres. Bazayev reported that the process of obtaining a new coordinator is underway.

The Senate observed a minute of silence in recognition of the death of Manship School dean Jerry Ceppos.

### **2. Elections.**

#### *FSEC New Senator Member-at-Large*

President Bazayev explained that according to the Faculty Senate Constitution, one of the FSEC's Members-at-Large must be a new Senator. Moreover, because two of the current FSEC members (Veldman and Tirone) are from the same college (HSS), no more senators from HSS are eligible for FSEC.

Senator King asked for a list of first-year senators. As no such list was readily at hand, new senators stood up and said where they were from.

Pres. Bazayev introduced confirmed nominee Kyla Kazuschyk (MDA) and asked for nominees from the floor. Sen. King nominated Fabio del Piero. Sen. Del Piero declined the nomination. Sen. Kazuschyk was elected unanimously.

#### *Special election for FSEC Member-at-Large*

Pres. Bazayev explained that Jin-Woo Choi, elected last April as Member-at-Large, had left LSU and so a Special Election was necessary. She introduced confirmed nominee Kevin Ringelman (AG) and asked for nominations from the floor. Sen. King nominated Roy Heidelberg, who

declined the nomination. Sen King nominated Matthew Hiatt, who declined the nomination. Senator Ringelman was elected unanimously.

### 3. Council of Faculty Advisors (CoFA)

Sen. Meredith Veldman gave a short history and explanation of CoFA and the need to bring the Faculty Senate into compliance with the Board of Supervisors' Policy Memorandum 24. As a small step toward that larger goal, she moved on behalf of the FSEC that Daniel Tirone be elected LSU's CoFA Alternate until such time as we are able to hold elections for LSU's CoFA representative and alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Staff Senate representative

Pres. Bazayev explained that Coordinator Knoll had been serving as the Faculty Senate representative to the Staff Senate, but that a faculty member is supposed to fill this role. She asked senators to consider volunteering to this position. Senator del Piero suggested that the Senate create a committee of three faculty members to rotate in that position. Scott Baldrige advanced del Piero's idea as a motion, which Hana Beloglavec seconded. Alternate Fereydoun Aghazadeh amended the motion to include the stipulation that these senators not only attend the Staff Senate meeting but provide a brief summary to the Faculty Senate. This amendment passed unanimously. The main motion then passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.