

LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting
November 19, 2025, 10:00 AM
103 MDA, Louisiana State University

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Inessa Bazayev, Chair
Michelle Osborn
Ravi Rau
Jeffrey Roland, Secretary
Daniel Tirone, Vice Chair

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 10:01 AM on Wednesday November 19, 2025 in room 103 Music & Dramatic Arts Building (MDA) on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All five committee members were present (Tirone arrived late). There were no guests or public comments. Minutes from the prior meeting on October 31, 2025 were approved following a motion by Rau.

Chair's update: (i) Emails to Jane Cassidy inquiring about retreat for PS-104 going unanswered. Chair will keep trying. This is too important to let it be unnecessarily delayed. (ii) PS-121 (AI use policy) sent last minute to Inessa and Dan for faculty approval. Omits requirement that AI use be disclosed on work products (action in Standard 4). Seems at odds with State directive and definitely at odds with Senate AI guidelines in development. Also seems desirable to include on the merits. Request for last minute approval by just a couple of faculty is also objectionable. Review at December meeting?

Agenda was reordered to exchange the positions of items VI and VII following a motion by Roland.

Committee discussed PS-50 separation/revision. In connection with this:

- PS-50 should be separated into two policy statements (e.g., PS-50A and PS-50B)
- The following sections should go into a new PS (PS-50A, covering academic employees)
 - Purpose (revised version)
 - Section A. Faculty
 - Section D.7. Academic deans
 - Section D.8. Academic chairs and heads (add directors, section needs to be rewritten)
- Coverage here roughly corresponds to PS-36 T/NT. Do sections for adjuncts and post-docs (i.e., non-faculty academic employees) need to be added?
- Staff duties are covered in Board of Supervisors regulations (Article II, Sec. 1) and their respective contracts. So it seems they don't need to be included in PS at all. Students also seem to be covered elsewhere and thus don't need to be included in PS.

- PS-50A needs to conform to PM-23.
- Proper home of Provost(s) is unclear. We will keep PS-50A contents as above and revisit if needed later. Main concern is to have a PS covering stable roles so that changes elsewhere don't necessitate pulling the PS covering what is unchanging (most importantly, faculty).
- Suggested order of appearance in PS-50A:
 1. Faculty
 2. Chairs, etc. (but see below)
 3. Deans
- Proposed title: Responsibilities and Concerns of Academic Employees
- Chairs, Deans, and Directors probably need separate sections in PS-50A, and Directors probably needs subsections for those within a college and those not within a college.

Committee briefly discussed draft PS-0. In connection with this:

- Approvals section has disappeared.
- Faculty input into decision making is far too weak.
- Other miscellaneous issues (e.g., definition of 'Stakeholders').
- Roland will draft an email with concerns to be forwarded to OAA.

Committee will prepare draft PS-50A for next meeting. Will additionally prepare to discuss PS-121, Standard 4.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM following a motion by Osborn which passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Roland, Secretary