

**LSUS FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2023  
11:00 A.M.  
Webster Room—University Center**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 11:05 a.m.

**II. PRESENT:** Senator Cassie Williams, Senator Gifford, Senator Bible, Senator Shepherd, Senator Saleh, Senator Mikaberidze, Senator McLemore

**ABSENT:** Senator Garcie, Senator Coehoorn, Senator Rubin, Senator Kim, Senator Zaidi, Senator Felice Williams, Senator White, Senator Salvatore, Senator Zhao

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of February 13, 2023, Faculty Senate Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

**IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Senator Bible welcomed everyone in the absence of the President and Vice President. He noted that the baseball and basketball teams were doing well, the planning council is to meet Wednesday, March 15, in the University Center Ballroom, and the Chancellor search is ongoing.

**V. ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS**

A. Chancellor: The Chancellor reported that spring semester enrollment is 8,801, that the recent tornado would be the focus of the upcoming planning council meeting, that he had given state legislators tours of HPE Building in hopes of garnering support for capital improvements, and that President Tate’s meeting with students went well. He noted that the switch to LSU Online will produce more revenue for LSUS going forward.

B. Provost: Provost Taylor reported that the Board of Regents was moving higher education forward collaboratively. She reported on the status of recommendations under House Resolution 150, including three new undergraduate programs and eleven proposed graduate and undergraduate programs over the next three years. The report is on the campus G drive. Provost Taylor noted Dr. Lessiter, was working on strategic planning in concert with other LSU campuses. She announced dates for upcoming events, including live class scheduling, Outstanding Faculty Awards, and Academic Awards. She reported that the “Transfer Pathways” initiative would be adding two transfer student advisors.

**VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

A. Updates to Faculty Handbook : Updates to the Faculty Handbook to include adding wording about MOODLE usage and the Code of Student Conduct, previously distributed to senators, were discussed. It was noted that although course outlines of topics and due dates are already on Moodle, it is important to have everything on the syllabus. The Interim Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and CIO reported that the rollout of Workday for students would begin implementation in 2026 and planning is in progress.

**VII. OBSERVATIONS & CONCERNS**

A. Course overloads and compensation: The issue of the number of courses faculty may teach in summer was discussed. Senators pointed out that adjuncts were being hired to teach summer courses when there are faculty members willing to teach those courses but are precluded from doing so

by LSU policy. The issue of pay equity in teaching downloads was discussed, with faculty noting that LSU policy discourages people from taking leadership roles that result in course downloads and from taking overloads. A question also arose about pay equity for interim administrative positions. The provost agreed to look into these questions and report back to the faculty senate.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. McLemore, Secretary