



LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting

March 22, 2024

**12:00 noon, Room W310 Howe-Russell Kniffen Geosciences Building, Louisiana State
University**

APPROVED

Minutes

Committee Members In Attendance:

Liz Lessner
Ravi Rau
Jonathan Snow, Chair
Daniel Tirone, Secretary

Guests:

Scott Baldrige

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at noon on March 22, 2024 in room W310 of Howe-Russell Kniffen Geosciences Building on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. All four committee members were present and there were no public comments. Scott Baldrige was the only guest in attendance. Minutes from the prior meeting on March 8, 2023 were adopted following a motion by Rau.

The next piece of business was an update on the recent Faculty Senate meeting and the outcome of proposed changes to PS-22 and separately PS-36T and NT that were put forward by the Policy Committee. Snow informed the committee that the proposed changes to PS-22 were defeated in the Senate, and the proposed amendments to PS-36T and NT were significantly revised by the Senate prior to final passage.

The committee next invited Scott Baldrige to participate in a discussion of his proposed resolution on institutional neutrality. Baldrige explained the motivation for the resolution to the committee and particular issues he wished to have the committee consider. A robust discussion ensued, including other areas of PS-15 that could be improved such as highlighting the the protections of academic freedom apply to both tenure and non-tenure track equally. Following discussion Rau moved that the draft resolution be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) for inclusion on the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on April 11. The motion passed without opposition and with Tirone abstaining.

Snow next informed the committee that he had not yet circulated the proposed draft of a policy on university policy/permanent memoranda creation/revision/recission to Academic Affairs for their initial feedback, but he would do so shortly and share their comments with the committee at its next meeting.

Snow also informed the committee that he was working on a draft of a committee report detailing its activities during the academic year for submission to the FSEC and anticipated it would be ready for review at the next committee meeting.

The committee then took up proposed revisions to Permanent Memoranda 24. Tirone shared feedback from Ryan Landry in Academic Affairs, The committee agreed to accept the proposed revisions by Landry to specific language used to refer to the system and individual campuses and also to the description of which officers are responsible for the preparation and distribution of meeting agendas. Rau then moved to endorse the proposed draft and recommend that it be considered for adoption by the Council of Faculty advisors. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm following a motion from Rau that passed unanimously.

Daniel Tirone, Secretary