

Sept. 20, 2022

President Inessa Bazayev called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Attendance was taken via sign-in sheets. Senate Secretary Meredith Veldman announced that a **quorum** was present.

President Bazayev announced the **alternative** representatives: Oliver Crocco for E. Michelle Todd; Fred Aghazadeh for Gerry Knapp; Mariano Carossino for Adriano Vatta; Gregory Purser for Janene Grodesky; Shengli Chen for Louay Mohammad

President Bazayev introduced the **guests**: LSU Police Department Chief Bart Thompson. Additional guests signed in: Jane Cassidy, Senior VP; Arend Van Gemmert, Assoc. Dean,

Public comments on agenda items: none.

Consideration of **minutes** from Faculty Senate Meeting of Aug. 29, 2022: Parampreet Singh noted that President Tate's discussion of on-campus violence, particularly his assurances that this violence had been overplayed in the media, had not been included in the minutes and should be noted. Singh moved to approve the minutes with this correction; Robert Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

President's Report:

- A moment of silence was held to observe the murder of LSU undergraduate Allison Rice on Sept. 16.
- Interviews for Faculty Senate **administrative assistant** will occur over the next few weeks.
- Provost Haggerty, FS Pres. Bazayev, and FS VP Tirone are working with various stakeholders in student gov't, Academic Affairs, and the Graduate School to devise a system that will address undergraduate concerns about **grades not being posted** in a timely fashion throughout the semester. Tirone and Bazayev are working with Academic Affairs on coordinating and harmonizing Policy Statements 48, 29, and 44.
- New FS Senator and FS Committee Chair Orientations took place on Sept. 14. At the Chairs' orientation, many present expressed concern about open meetings law, given the fact that many committees must deal with confidential issues. The FSEC agrees that the **open meetings law** poses serious problems for faculty committees and that the Faculty Senate needs to work with counsel and the upper administration to urge the legislature to modify the law so that it does not restrict faculty governance, which was never its intent.
- The FS **guidebook** has been distributed; every senator should now have a copy!
- The monthly FSEC **broadcast email** debuted on Sept. 20. This new initiative is an effort to connect the Senate with the wider faculty. All senators are asked to encourage their colleagues to complete the FS committee survey, which is linked to the email.
- **Faculty compensation**—LSU President Tate highlighted his focus on raising the rates of faculty compensation at the Sept. Board of Supervisors' meeting; the issue of faculty

compensation will be a main focus of the Senate this year. Faculty members with expertise in any aspect of this issue are asked to contact FS Pres. Inessa Bazayev.

Questions: Joan King: How many applicants for the FS Admin Assistant position? About 15.

Comment from Dan Tirone: Thanks to Emily Hatfield and her team from Academic Affairs, who have stepped in to do the admin duties until the admin assistant's position is filled.

Unfinished Business

Second Reading, Resolution 22–07, “University Participation in Consortium of Universities Studying Slavery,” sponsored by Faculty Senate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Carceral Studies Group, the Department of History, and the Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies Program. Veldman moved to postpone the second reading to the Oct. meeting, seconded by John Bardes. Approved unanimously.

New Business

First Reading, Resolution 22–08, “Revision to Article VI: Election of Officers of the LSU Faculty Senate Bylaws” sponsored by FSEC. Parampreet Singh read and moved the resolution into discussion.

- Jeffrey Roland: friendly amendment—in the penultimate sentence, strike “in the fall term to”.
- Thomas Douthat: Which specific section of the Bylaws?
 - Singh: will specify in 2nd reading
- Roy Heidelberg: What is the rationale? Singh: Feedback from new senators that they were not fully aware of what was happening RE the FSEC Member-at-Large elections; want to allow more time for new senators to acclimate. Heidelberg: Do we lose something by not having someone in place in this FSEC for a month?
 - Singh: Not as much as we gain in transparency and democracy.
- Joan King: Did you look at FS history to understand the rationale of choosing a Member-at-Large from the pool of new senators at the first meeting? Now we have the FS Handbook, which explains the FS procedures. Many “new” senators have in fact been senators before. Doesn’t seem to be a problem that needs fixing.
 - Singh: New senators reached out to me—they wanted to run and felt they had not had a chance; these senators perceived there was a problem.

Presentation on Safety, Security, and Active Shooter Training

by LSU PD Chief Bart Thompson

Highlights:

+There has been enormous concern over reports of 3 major crime incidents on campus during first week of fall semester: need to understand that whatever is first reported is what appears on the blotter and what appears first in the media—and that is often not what the investigation turns up: e.g. of these three crimes:

1. Robbery between 2 subjects that knew each other and resulted in a shooting.

2. Report of kidnapping that did not occur; alleged victim has since been removed from LSU by her family
3. Report of kidnapping; actually simple battery and assault—someone posing as delivery driver to try and get a date with a young woman, grabbed her arm

+There has been an increase in crime on campus and off, but it is a myth (generated by social media) that the campus is not safe. College campuses are some of the safest places in the United States. 98% of crimes on LSU campus are committed by individuals who are not affiliated with LSU. LSU PD has four LPR (license plate reader) cameras that are linked to area networks—can identify stolen cars when they enter campus.

+2022-23: LSU PD received funding for 2 additional police positions plus 5 additional nighttime security officers; also restored 5 officers to patrolling res life areas throughout the night.

+A major **Lighting Project**, under the control of Facilities, is fully funding and beginning in October.

+A big, fully funded project to revamp the campus **security camera system** will be underway shortly (it is now out for bids). It will include a new maintenance program—cameras will be replaced and/or updated every 5 years.

+ LSU PD offers Equalizer training; Run/Hide/Fight training (does last 8 hours).

+**Security and Safety Committee** meets every month and welcomes faculty questions and concerns.

+**LSU Shield**: a free app that will tell LSU PD what floor, room the user is on. Unfortunately, the participation rate among students is low—Thompson asked that faculty urge students to download and use the app. LSU PD can be anywhere on campus in 3 minutes.

+**Gun crimes** in BR often use guns obtained on LSU campus—students can and do store guns in cars—and then unintentionally leave cars unlocked because they carry their key fobs in their pockets. Individuals looking for guns know to go to LSU parking lots and check for unlocked cars.

+ Judged by the homicide rate, BR is currently the 8th most violent city in U.S.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.