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Faculty Senate

Ad Hoc Faculty Senate GAI Committee Meeting
17 September 2026
1:00 p.m., 150 Atkinson Hall

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

- **Present**: Fabio Capra-Ribeiro (Vice Chair), Seungwon Yang (Secretary), Michael Ardoline, Alexander Lee, William Monroe, Tracy Norton, Trevor Paul, Ingmar Schoegl
- **Absent**: Parampreet Singh (Chair), Michael Holt, Hartmut Kaiser, Rosemary Peters-Hill, Mayank Tyagi

The twenty ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Faculty Senate GAI Committee was called to order at 1:06 p.m. on September 17, 2026, in 150 Atkinson Hall on the LSU campus.

No public comments were offered.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

- Approval of the previous minutes was postponed to the next meeting to locate and distribute the written records for proper review.

New Business

- Election of Officers

The committee opened nominations and held elections for officer positions.

  - Chair
    - Discussion favored selecting an active Faculty Senate representative.
    - Tracy Norton and Michael Ardoline were considered as candidates.
    - Lee made a motion to vote for Chair, seconded by Capra-Ribeiro.
    - Norton was elected as the new Chair.
  - Vice Chair
    - Seungwon Yang, who served as Secretary, nominated himself as a candidate.
    - Lee made a motion to vote for Vice Chair, seconded by Capra-Ribeiro.
    - Yang was elected as the Vice Chair.
  - Secretary
    - Michael Holt, who showed interest in serving as an officer in the committee, was identified as a nominee.
    - Lee made a motion to vote for Secretary, seconded by Ardoline.
    - Holt was elected as the new Secretary.

- Updates on FS GenAI survey

  A review of preliminary findings from the undergraduate student AI survey was presented by Capra-Ribeiro.

- Approximately 700 undergraduate students participated in the survey.
- Findings
  - Most respondents use AI tools, especially text generation tools. About one quarter of the respondents pay for AI subscriptions. Most respondents are aware of AI guidelines. However, their understanding of those guidelines is less confidently reported.
  - The ratio of negative to positive open comments was around 3:1.
- Due to the low participation rate, caution was urged in the interpretation of the findings. Members requested more data by college and major.
- Chair Norton will reach out to Dr. Emily Elliott, who is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and leads LSU's AI Council, to discuss expansion of the survey.

- GAI in research
  The committee discussed the draft guidelines for using generative AI in research, which had been drafted and circulated by Ardoline during the previous semester.
  - Key issues
    - Confidentiality and IP: Entering research data into LLMs is equivalent to public disclosure, with legal and copyright risks, including potentially voiding patents. A recent OpenAI case involving a major mathematical problem was cited as an example of industry leveraging academic work.
    - Promotion and Tenure: The draft recommends keeping P&T requirements at pre-generative AI levels to discourage high-volume, low-quality AI-assisted publications and a productivity "arms race."
  - Discussion
    - One view held that AI is a democratic advantage available to all, similar to past advantages (e.g., spousal support, large TA teams) for academic performance.
    - The prevailing view was that raising productivity expectations would drive a race to the bottom, worsening the current influx of low-quality AI-generated journal submissions. The committee leaned toward maintaining existing standards, noting that a full tenure cycle has not yet passed since tools like ChatGPT became widespread.

Capra-Ribeiro moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seungwon Yang,
Secretary for the FS GA Committee

Note: Generative AI (Claude Opus 5.5) was used to assist in partly summarizing the original meeting notes to be used in this minutes.