

LSU Health
NEW ORLEANS
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 12, 2026 - 3:30pm-5:00pm,
CSRB 563

Those present included: (Proxies*)

Allied Health: Brandon Walker, Brittany Hall, Amber Weydert, Stephanie Eschete,

Dentistry: Thomas Lallier, Meric Karapinar-Kazandag, Eugene Antenucci, A.C. Liles,

Graduate Studies: Sonia Gasparini, Andrew Catling

Medicine: Allison Augustus-Wallace, Jennifer Cameron, Brian Lochlann McGee, Maria Reinoso, Laura Pelaez, Michelle Korah-Sedgwick, Jennifer Hart, Suresh Alahari

Nursing: Collen Story, Laura Bonanno (proxy for Jolie Harris), Quinn Lacey (proxy for Jessica Teeter)

Public Health: Mei-Chin Hsieh, Susanne Straif-Bourgeois, Tung-Sung Tseng, , William Robinson

Library: Sharon Duffy

Ex-Officio: Rebecca Bealer, , Michael Boutte

Absent with Proxy: Jolie Harris, Jessica Teeter

Not present: Luther Gill, Diedra Brewer-Hohensee, Shelly Dolan, Chih-yang Hu

VI. Welcome and Call to Order by President Cameron at 3:31 PM

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s) – None

Dr. Porche – Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs: (Written Report)

- Board of Supervisors deadline for September meeting is July 13
- 3 year academic plans are due to VCAA May 20
- School of Allied Health PA Self Study will be submitted this month
- Dr. Dalton approved 90 nursing students for Baton Rouge site for Fall 2026 and 120 for spring 2027
- Promotion & Tenure letters were signed by Dr. Dalton, received by VCAA on 5/5/26 and will be sent to recipients by May 15.
- Registrar position is posted, 28 applications came in, 9 were screened, and are interviewing with search committee
- School of Public Health met with Taiwan delegation, and we may have a MOU in the works

Ken Boe – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Computer Services (Written Report)

- The agreement with Moodle is signed and we are in the early stages of coordinating with Moodle on the project timeline. More info will be shared when available.
- The AI Policy is moving forward. I am hoping to have it turned over to Nicole Honoree for the next stage of the process soon.

- A group to review exam software is being assembled. The goal is getting major testing off of Moodle reserving Moodle for quizzes and less high stakes items across all schools. Senators who participated in the LMS review have been offered positions in the Exam Software review group, but if others would like to participate, please let me know.

III. Public Commentary (2 minutes each) – None

IV. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved in motion by Drs. Gasparini and Lochlan McGee

V. President's Report (President Cameron)

See appended report

VI. Board of Supervisors Report (Senators Alahari and Dolan)

- Next meeting Thursday, April 23, 2026

VII. Reports from Assemblies

Staff Senate: (Boutte) –

- No Report

Allied Health:

- Assistant/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs position is posted.
- Assistant/Associate Dean of Student Affairs position will be posted soon.
- Faculty Assembly elections are underway. There are three delegate positions open, as well as 2 alternate positions.

Dentistry:

- **LSU Day at the Capitol**
 - On April 23, LSUSD participated in LSU Day at the Capitol, showcasing research and achievements. Students performed 44 oral cancer screenings for legislators, staff, and LSU President William Tate.
- **Dr. Adriana Wilson**, DDS, MSD, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, has been appointed Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.
- **Dr. Shirin Khoynezhad**, Associate Professor of Prosthodontics at LSUSD, has been appointed as the Interim Chairperson of the Department of Prosthodontics.
- **School of Dentistry Commencement**
 - The School of Dentistry will be graduating 80 students, 37 Dental Hygiene Students, and 7 Dental Lab Technicians on Thursday, May 14
- Preparation for renovations are ongoing.
 - Plans are to renovate Aud C, making Aud A and B unusable
 - Planned alternative teaching space in the basement

Graduate Studies:

- No Report

Medicine:

- **NCI designation:** a significant effort is underway to achieve NCI designation. Recruitment is in progress, and three years of data is required. The plan is to begin with data collection in 2026, with the NCI grant application targeted for submission in 2030.
- **FA award winners:**
 - Outstanding service to Institution: Suresh Alhari, PhD
 - Outstanding service to community: Scott Edwards, PhD
 - Outstanding junior faculty: Shelby MacRae, MD
 - Outstanding Mentor: Ludmila Belayev, MD
- **Faculty assembly member nominations:** Watch for an email sent from SOMFA@lsuhsc.edu requesting self-nominations for FA delegate positions. Also, you can submit your nomination here: [SOM Faculty Assembly Nominations – Fill out form](#)

Nursing:

- Nurses week celebrated the week of 5/4
- The OCIS Baton Rouge campus is set to move into renovated space for fall 2026 and plans to admit 90 students at that campus in the fall. The number of BSN applicants (and thus, those admitted) at all three campuses has increased in 2026.
- While growth is strong, there are multiple initiatives to ensure the high quality of graduates continues (prepared for the nursing workforce and high NCLEX pass rates) are underway.
- A collaborative effort between EJGH and LSUHSC SON has resulted in the creation of a nursing innovation center at EJGH. There will be a ribbon-cutting to open the space this week (during nurses' week). This will be a space where nurses (or those interested in pursuing nursing) can access resources for nursing professional development and research.

Public Health:

- Dr. Chih-yang Hu has accepted the position of Program Director for the BSPH Program.

Library:

1. May/June Information Sessions:
 - **ORCID Made Easy: Library Support for Your Research Profile**
 - Wednesday May 20 – 12pm – Ische Library Room 405 or via [Zoom](#)
 - **Accessibility Remediation for Adobe PDF Documents**
 - Wednesday June 3 – 12 pm - Ische Library Room 405 or via ZoomAll Library sessions are recorded and available on the [Library website](#).

In addition, an Office Hours session will be held on May 27 at 12-2pm for ORCID assistance. It will be in the Ische Library Room 405 and via Zoom. Contact the library for more info.

Also, a Resource Guide will be published on Accessibility to provide guidance for making documents accessible for all readers.

2. Dental Library Closing – May 17 thru end of June

- Due to demolition work for the renovation of the auditoriums on the 4th floor of the Administration Building, the Dental Library will be closed. We expect this period to last through the end of June (at least.) The dental collection will still be accessible to library staff on a limited basis. The Dental Library staff can be contacted at dentlib@lsuhsc.edu.
- Note: We anticipate the Dental Library will be completely closed for at least a year for renovations starting in December 2026. More details about that closure will be posted as they become available.

3. Poster Printing Service unavailable

- Due to equipment failure with the poster printer at the Downtown Library, posters are not being printed at this time. We will update if the situation changes. There are options for printing posters for a fee including the Campus Technology Store on the 2nd floor of MEB. FedEx and UPS stores and local print shops are also options. The Library News page has a list of vendors:

<https://www.lsuhs.edu/library/posts/2026/april/posterdown.aspx>

- There was much discussion concerning the need to in house poster printing and that the Library is the appropriate place to house this activity
- It is recommended that the Library Director speak to Dr. Porche
- If necessary, the Senate will revisit this at the next meeting

VIII. Unfinished Business

• **Faculty Evaluations Committee report (Senator Lallier)**

- The Committee met with Jane Behlen (Assistant Director, HRIS & Talent/Organizational Development) and Bralin Artigues (Associate Director of Human Resources) on Friday, February 27th, March 14th, and April 14th
- Much was discussed about elements in the proposed revised electronic Evaluation Instrument (PageUp) to be used for the March 2027 evaluation of Year 2026.
- A subset of the Committee met with the Deans on **May 4th** to review the proposed changes
 - This will likely be presented at the **June 9th Senate meeting** for comments and Ratification
 - Plans are for a **September roll-out**
- **Salient Changes:**
 - All Electronic System (PageUp) involving Annual Planning and Evaluation
 - Example:
 - **Sept 2026** – December 2026 – Faculty Self Evaluation for year 2026
 - March 2027 – Supervisor meeting for Annual Evaluation of 2026 and Planning for 2027
 - Separation of Core Values from Evaluation Calculation (needs Deans' approval)
 - Still undecided
 - Some Deans thought having 2 scores was confusing

- Faculty Activates changing from 3 to 5 Categories
 - Research, Teaching,
 - Clinical Service (**Community Service for SoPH**)
 - Admin Service, School Service (including External committees)
 - Faculty Activates will now total to 100% (*under discussion*)
 - Percentage of each category will be recorded in Initial Faculty Self-evaluation (March except 1st Year)
 - Supervisor will record actual percentage of effort and discuss any differences with the faculty member (throughout the year and at Annual Evaluation)
 - Changes will be tracked
 - One 5-point scale score for each of the 5 areas (slider, whole numbers only)
 - Annual Evidence can be added to Comments Section
 - Evaluations will be submitted with PDF of Faculty CV (mandatory)
 - Other supplemental attachments can be added to each section.
 - Eg. Course Evaluations, PDFs of publications, ...
 - All Activities Scores will be Auto Calculated to a single combined score (weighted by % effort, and reported to 1 decimal place (Eg. 4.3/5.0))
 - Appeals via Handbook Section 10.10, no automatic 2nd review.
- **Nominations for President Elect and Secretary**
 - Laura Banano (Nursing) – President Elect
 - Sharon Duffy (Library) – Secretary

IX. New Business –

- **LA HB1063 by Rep. Charles Owen**
 - Considered 4/29/2026, no other Activity since March
 - This proposal includes changes to four areas
 - Advertising and hiring approvals for Administrative positions (Dean's and Above)
 - BOS Review of all courses in all degree granting programs
 - Defining a Faculty Deliberative Body (eg. Senate) as only including tenured full professors with a one-year term limit and the *president* selected by the President of the university.
 - A reporting mechanism for students involved in “major campus disruptions arising from legal or policy violations”, including the names of the Admissions officers who reviewed the applications of the sanctioned students.
 - This proposal has been sent the to House Education Committee, but has not been put on any agenda
- LA SB234 – Medical School Grades (Honors, HP,P,F) – Passed House and Senate
 - Sent to Governor
- LA HB391 – Abolishing BoR – No Action since Mar 9, 2026

XI. Adjourn at 4:21