



**LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee Meeting  
January 6, 2023  
3:00pm, 234 Stubbs Hall, Louisiana State University**

Minutes

Committee Members In Attendance:

Hana Beloglavec  
Jeffrey Roland  
Jonathan Snow  
Daniel Tirone

Committee Members Who Were Absent:

Allison Young

A regular meeting of the LSU Faculty Senate Policy Committee convened at 3:00pm on January 6, 2023 in room 234 of Stubbs Hall on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Four committee members were present and there were no guests or public comments. Minutes from the prior meeting were not considered but it was determined that an agenda item would be added for the next meeting for their review and possible approval.

Snow opened the day's discussion by identifying factors he believed pointed to a crisis of governance at LSU, including its double censure by the AAUP and the overwhelmingly negative results from the recent COACHE survey, and that consequently major reforms of the faculty governance structure are desperately needed. A common theme that emerged in the resulting discussion was the need to address the growth of committees governing critical areas at LSU, such as curriculum and research, that do not fall under the authority of the Faculty Senate and consequently create confusion regarding faculty preferences and lines of authority.

Using these concerns as a starting point, the committee engaged in a wide-ranging discussion that ultimately developed two general objectives. The first was to begin a process that would result in a more hierarchical but also efficient structure of Faculty Senate committees that reduced the number of committees overall while also increasing lines of communication within the faculty governance structure and between the Senate and administration. The second was to explore the possibility of bringing bodies outside of the Senate structure but that addressed issues under the authority of the Senate, such as the Graduate Council and Council on Research, under the Senate's authority.

No final decisions were made but it was suggested that the Chair continue his preliminary discussions with campus stakeholders to assess their willingness for a broader reorganization and also inform the Faculty Senate Executive Committee of these objectives, and that the Senate's own committee structure would be an important focus of the committee's next meeting which was scheduled for 3pm on Friday, January 20.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41pm following a motion from Beloglavec that was passed unanimously.

Daniel Tirone, Secretary