

LSUHSC October 14, 2025, Staff Senate meeting minutes 2pm
Lions Eye Center 632 and Zoom

Senators present included:

Patricia “Patty” Oates – President
Cody Palazzolo – President-Elect
Kyle Walker -Secretary
Treva Lincoln – At Large
Pam Galindo
Angelica Bruno
Michele Holmes
Nic Manuel
Courtney Martin
Toya Shanklin
Dale Prince
Tonika Lockhart-Mackie
Jessica Riche

Registered proxies included:

Michael Boutte (Kyle Walker, proxy)

Call the Meeting to Order at 2:02pm by Senator Patty Oates

Invited Speakers / Special Presentations and Questions/Answers

Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance -Ben Lousteau

- LSU Presidential Search is underway.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Announcement – Dale Prince, VCAA Senator

- October Board of Supervisor Agenda items are:
 - School of Medicine Reorganization
 - Doctor of Nursing Science in Nursing to PhD in Nursing Alumni degree conversion
- Office of Research Services
 - Search Committee has provided recommendations for the Executive Director of the Office of Research Services. Dr. Porche is in the process of making a job offer.
 - Two offers extended for IRB Analysis positions
 - AAHRPP Five Phase Re-accreditation Plan submitted
- Financial Aid
 - In the process of hiring a financial aid advisor
- Student Health

- Student Health Services fully staffed
- Students are able to receive student health services. Walk ins welcomed
- Registrar developing policy on post-humous degree awarding
- Academic Affairs Policies revised:
 - Academic Calendar
 - Enrollment, resignation, and retroactive appeals
 - Admission honors and honorary degrees
 - Latin honors
 - Incomplete grades
- VCAA Academic Affairs Council Appointed a Digital Badge/Micro credentials taskforce
- CM-56 in revision
- IPE to consider integration of nutrition content
- International Travel Policy & LAHEFSA has some minor workflow revisions proposed
- VCAA provided critique of University of Louisiana at Lafayette proposed MS in Biomedical Sciences degree. Review and critique conducted by Dr. Amedee.

Director Facility Services, Steve Zimmerman- Building Use Manual Presentation

- Addressed some items from the manual such as kitchen appliances, signs, and work orders/service requests.
- Manual: https://www.lsuhs.edu/admin/pfm/docs/facilities_building_use_manual.pdf

Campus Police- Active Shooter Presentation.

- If you think it is safe, Run is the 1st choice, otherwise, the safest option is to Hide/Shelter in Place. As a last resort and only if your life is in danger - Fight.
- Weapons are not allowed on campus.
- There are ongoing discussions about locking the 1st floor Roman Garage pedestrian door; adding roll down gates & cameras.
- Call Campus Police when there are medical emergencies.
- <https://www.lsuhs.edu/administration/vcgcsa/police/>

Approval of Minutes from September Senate Meeting:

- Senator Kyle Walker motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Patricia Oates and seconded.

President's Report

- HR FY 25 report: HR enhanced career development training and championed the Coursera Career Academy online courses; completed 555 job postings and 335 hiring proposals.

Committee Reports

- Communications – Chair: Senator Courtney Martin. Senator Co-Chair- Kyle Walker
 - QR codes for feedback forms are on the website. Responses are anonymous.

- Community Engagement and Development- Chair: Senator Patty Oates
 - Scarecrow decorating contest and Harry Thompson Center donations: Register by 5:00 pm Thursday, October 30. Details: <https://www.lsuhschool.edu/orgs/staffsenate/scarecrowdecorating2025.aspx>
- Elections Committee – Chair: Patty Oates
 - New Senators for 2026-2029:
 - Dusty Pigg - Nursing
 - Wilbert Johnson - At Large (Allied Health)
 - Troylyn Billew - At Large (VCAA)
 - Kresenda Raasch - At Large (VCAA)
 - Ivy Strong - At Large (VCAF)
 - Rashantis Gray - At Large (VCAF)
 - Brandi Donelon - Medicine
 - Cecilia Estep - Medicine
 - Amy Gray - Medicine
 - Louie Schneider - Medicine
- Staff Advocacy and Retention- Chair: Michele Holmes
 - During the September committee meeting, discussed compensation, equity adjustments, and related HR processes for both unclassified and classified staff with HR representatives, Jill Fragoso and Sara Schexnayder.

Old Business - none

New Business -Updates from LSUSHC Committees and Schools

- Faculty Senate-
 - GraphPad software-requests are being reviewed and installations proceeding.
- Wellness Committee-Angelica Bruno
 - Frank and Plank contest October 19-31
- Hunger Free Campus workforce- Angelica Bruno
 - Holiday Food Drive November 1-19
- Updates from the Schools and Campus Administration
 - Kirk Deslatte is running to represent you on the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) Board of Trustees. Vote September 15-October 15: www.trslvotes.org You **must** use the **Election Code** mailed to you in order to vote. If you do not receive your packet or need help: Call **(866) 384-9978** or Email: TRSLsupport@yeselections.com

Adjourn-3:19pm. Motion by Senator Patty Oates, motion was seconded by Senator Kyle Walker
Attendance: 60