



## Faculty Senate Meeting

**Minutes: Apr 9, 2025 3:30 PM**

**Southeastern Louisiana University Fayard Hall 101**

**I. Call to Order**

Sen. Craft 3:30pm

**II. Officer Elections (Sen. Wyld and Sen. Craft) - Moved**

Motion to suspend rules to move speakers up on the agenda

**III. Guest Speakers:**

**A. President William Wainwright on the State of Southeastern**

- Enrollment across areas is growing; Retention is highest ever
- Requested 3 appropriations from federal government (telehealth, communications, AI and fraud reduction)
- Information on Centennial celebrations <https://www.southeastern.edu/100/>
- Legislation
- Immigration & higher education
- DEI reporting - Report on DEI activities at the university
- Mental health days for K-post secondary students & staff
- TOPS increase to support tuition increases
- Questions:
  - Why doesn't SELU accept superscore for English credit? - Will research and email
  - Will tuition changes impact Promise Students? - No
  - Current acceptance rate? 97%
  - What is the increase without dual enrollment?
  - Rankings? - A committee is being formed.
  - Comment - Provost should have teaching experience & scholarship. "Actively engage in process" [https://ulsselu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/SLU/details/Provost-and-Vice-President-for-Academic-Affairs\\_R-1889](https://ulsselu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/SLU/details/Provost-and-Vice-President-for-Academic-Affairs_R-1889)
  - Does hiring freeze impact new hires? - No; Will lift July 1st
  - Focus on graduate programs?
  - Raises?

**B. Thais Lindameyer Gomes on the University Belonging Council and International Student Initiatives/Office of Student Engagement**

3 main areas - food pantry, international students, meditation and prayer room

- Food pantry - utilizers can come twice per week; volunteers are welcome and appreciated
- International student well-being program; International Student Union
- Questions?
  - Is the food pantry open in summer? - Working on it
  - Transportation for international students from the airport? - Bus that picks up students. Contact Thais for coordination.
  - Donate online for the food pantry?

<https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/misa/pantry/>

#### **IV. Roll Call**

Absent senators: Aggarwal, Alford, Beachy, Dries, Genzale, Graves, Horzelski, Leeman, Pereyra, Sommerfeld, Starns, Waikar, Westmoreland, Zimlich

#### **V. Officer Elections (Sen. Wyld and Sen. Craft)**

##### **A. Executive Committee Elections**

President - Alan Cannon

Vice President - Coleen Cicale

Recording Secretary - Jason Kirker

Membership Secretary - Kristi VanDusen

Parliamentarian - Sarah Schillage

Members at Large - Randall Frederick & Chris Genre

##### **B. Department Elections**

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

College of Business

College of Nursing - Health & Human Sciences

#### **VI. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting**

Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously

#### **VII. Old Business:**

##### **A. Faculty Welfare Committee Reports/Resolutions:**

###### **1. Gender pay & equity/faculty pay issues**

Salary compression - proposed resolution

Establish a committee tasked with examining pay; detailed proposal requested; update within 6 months

Motion to accept proposed motion as amended to add gender specific language; seconded; approved unanimously

###### **2. Graduate course release policy/practice**

Tabled until fall

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. Recording of Classroom Lectures (Sen. Kirker)**

No official policy on the university level, only on individual syllabi (outside of accommodations)

Move to send to Faculty Welfare Committee, seconded, unanimously approved

**IX. Announcements:**

**A. SGA Liaison Report (Committee member)**

Travel grant timeframe changed; Grant money amount increased (travel, department, equipment)

New graduation stole with country's flag for international students

Hired staff to assist with SGA tasks

**B. La. R. S. 17:3399.39 and related university policies (Sen. Craft)**

<https://law.justia.com/codes/louisiana/revised-statutes/title-17/rs-17-3399-39/>

**C. Departmental Senate Elections (Sen. Craft)**

Report ASAP

**D. Unclaimed Property Forms (Sen. Cannon)**

Follow-up

**E. Check Information in University Catalog (Sen. Cannon)**

Follow-up

**F. Food Pantry Drive Collection (Sen. Genre)**

**G. Solicitation of Future Guest Speakers and Student Honorees (Sen. Craft)**

Honor Dr. Golding at May Meeting w/ resolution of thanks

**H. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates for Spring 2025 semester (Sen. Craft)**

May 7th - Fayard 101

**X. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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