



**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes:
Southeastern Louisiana University
Fayard Hall Room 101**

I. Call to Order

Sen. Cannon called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

II. Roll Call

Absent Senators: Aggarwal, Burns, Gibson, Goff, Horzelski, Kirker, E. Morgan, Mouledous, Soysal, Westmoreland
Proxy: Le Guyader

III. Approval of the Minutes from September 3, 2025, Faculty Senate meeting

Move to approve, seconded. Unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Tie-breaker for Chair of University Tenure & Promotion Committee (Sen. Billingsley)

Recommended: Chair shall be professor as rank of full professor the longest. In the event of a tie the chair shall be determined:

- a. The member whose term expires first
- b. Election by the committee

Motion to amend the bylaws as recommended. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

B. Canvas access for Lecturers & announcement availability (Sen. Shockett)

Report from committee: New instructors must be listed as hired by the dept. head in Workday. Jared can give access to a sandbox, but dept head must be the requester.

Motion to open the floor for discussion. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Motion to accept the resolution as provided. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

V. New Business

A. Update to Academic Freedom Policy (Sen. Craft & Guest Dr. Jeff Temple)

Due to state statute (2024 Louisiana Laws Revised Statutes Title 17 - Education §17:3399.39. Right to individual dignity; each student's right to be free from discrimination on the basis of political ideas, affiliations, or ideology, the Academic Freedom policy would need to be modified to comply with the law. The statements added into the Academic Freedom policy are word for word from the law.

The university is acting for input from the Faculty Senate. It will be discussed in the Academic Affairs committee and the President's committee.

Move to open the floor for discussion. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Who wants the policy inserted? The university.

Why does it have to be put in the policy if it is the law? Why this policy?

The law itself does not say that the university must add this to policy.

Lack of definitions within the policy.

Move to send to the Professional Rights and Responsibilities committee.

Seconded. Unanimously approved.

B. Personal phone use for university business (Sen. Genre)

Need to use personal phones for university use. Senator believes the university should pay for the use of personal phone.

Move to open the floor for discussion. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Committee could discuss a resolution that the university should give everyone an annual stipend for technology use.

Other universities provide work tools to faculty.

Two cell phone policies do exist.

Motion to send to the Budget committee. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Choices for University Service Awards (Sen. Cannon)

Each level of award could have a choice.

Move to send to the Faculty Welfare committee. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

VI. Announcements

A. SGA Liaison Report (Committee Member)

ULS is considering class transfer between campuses.

B. Corrections to faculty entries in Catalog

C. Library - Marie Lambert

National Banned Books Week event in the library

VII. Adjournment Call to Order

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Unanimously approved. 4:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary