

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 15, 2025, 3:30 – 5:30 pm CDT
Via ZOOM: [https://slu.zoom.us/s/92646937131](https://slu.zoom.us/j/92646937131)
Meeting ID: 926 4693 7131

1. Call to Order (**Location: BSC St. Louis Room – Nouth Campus/ Hybrid**) 3:30
2. Roll Call: Use the following procedures:
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 - c. If you are calling in, please let Donna know your name and phone number via Chat.
 - d. NOTE: All FS meetings are recorded for record keeping purposes only.
3. Moment of Reflection. **TBA** 3:32
4. Visitor – President Pestello 3:35
5. Approval of March minutes (separate attachment). 4:05
6. Key priorities as identified by Faculty Senators/FS Committees 4:10
 - a. Longer term contracts for NTT – Update
 - b. Envisioning teaching evaluation at SLU – [Teaching Effectiveness Project](#)
 - c. CADR –
 - d. Workload policy review – Finalized
7. Update on Federal Executive Orders 4:15
8. New Business – Discussion of priorities for Senate next year 4:30
 - a. Debrief on Townhall – discussion opportunities
 - b. Discussion of Senate Priorities for next year – proposals – voting in May
 - c. Parties running for FSEC – reading of personal statements – voting in May
9. Old Business – 5:15
10. BOT, School and Committee Reports
11. Announcements (within email)
12. Additional Faculty Resources (links in email)
13. Adjournment

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
Tuesday March 18, 2025, 3:30 – 5:30 pm CDT
Via ZOOM: <https://slu.zoom.us/j/92646937131>
Meeting ID: 926 4693 7131

1. Call to Order (Location: Wall Auditorium – South Campus/ Hybrid)

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Use the following procedures:

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3. Moment of Reflection. Joe Lyon shared a prayer of by Steve Sork from Xavier University titled A Prayer for Transition, appropriate for moment of reflection given the transitions we are going through.

4. Approval of February minutes (separate attachment).

Minutes for February were approved.

5. Voting Process for Faculty Manual Amendments

We had an open forum for the amendments with no attendance. Chris asked for comments or discussion before voting. There were no comments.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Faculty Manual Amendments as submitted.

Senate Vote: 45 Approved 0 Opposed Passed Unanimously

Next: Along with minor adjustments in the manual, the Faculty Manual Amendments along with other manuals will go to the full board for approval. We will know at the last Senate meeting if we have resolution there.

6. Visitor – Lee Seabrooke – Launch of IRB new process

Lee shared information on the new IRB Process including the highlights below:

- Current process is not up to speed with the industry standards and has needed to be updated for some time. Lee stated they are “sorely needed and much overdue.”
- New system is the leading product nationally.
- Offers more flexibility, a shortened process, and it is more research friendly.
- Scalable to additional modules in the future
- System is available through the SLU apps
 - ARCH- Administration and Research Collaborative Hub is the name of the app
 - System is up and running now. Link is available on SLU Apps
- Systems and processes are designed to align templates, checklists, and review processes with regulatory and approvability warranted
- Protocols and supporting documents can be uploaded through the app

- SLU IRB system and processes now are fully aligned with industry standards and regulatory requirements
- Can use protocol templates for investigator initiated studies
- Program is: protocol driven, aligned with protocol worksheets, and Reviewer checklists.
- There will be a learning curve to adapt from the legacy eIRB system to the new system
 - Don't get or stay frustrated – training is ongoing and available at irb@slu.edu

7. Key priorities as identified by Faculty Senators/FS Committees

Academic Integrity Implementation addressed one of the highest concerns of faculty; plagiarism. If you are concerned about the policy or have questions, email at academic.integrity@slu.edu

- Longer term contracts for NTT – Set for implementation. Deans have been given the names of faculty eligible. They will be notified during their evaluation conferences or at the end of the year.
- Envisioning teaching evaluation at SLU – Teaching Effectiveness Project – No Update
- CADR – *Update on working group* – No Update
- Workload policy review – Finalized – No Update

8. Old Business - Update on any Executive Orders and SLU

Chris Rollins shared the process of how judgements against the Executive Orders could play out. Highlights Below:

- Judges could settle on the matter, or send it back to another court and the process begins again
- American Federation of Teachers and other plaintiffs filed lawsuit in the District of Maryland asserting free speech and free association concerns and seeking a declaratory judgement and preliminary injunctions, but did not request a temporary injunction
- Dept. of Education issued a set of frequently asked questions related to the “Dear Colleague Letter”
- March 5th courts in Maryland issued an order requiring plaintiffs are accordingly ordered to show cause as to why this lawsuit should be heard
- Many lawsuits pushing back on these executive orders and other actions are filed in Maryland because that is the place that takes care of what goes on in Washington.
- Good news: The court ordered that the SLU SOE SEED Grant will be reinstated!

Chris also shared a business and finance update on research. Here is a synopsis.

- Still funding back at 51% rate
- Higher recovery rate is on hold
- Everyone is back up at their old rate
 - This is for old grants only
 - New grant pipeline has stalled for now
 - They are slowly opening back up, but still in a holding pattern
- There has been significant engagement and advocacy efforts to challenge these decisions around grants.
- SLU has signed on with AJCU and we are responding through the organization. Georgetown is a great example in their letter response to mandates that go against the Jesuit Mission.
- Schools who take many international students are especially concerned about how this is playing out in the market, visas, etc. We are monitoring this and our global grad program is monitoring it very closely as well.
- Chris will continue to provide updates. For now, everything is in the court system.

9. New Business – Motion Presented by SSE on IDC Distribution

Chris shared with Senators prior to the meeting, a Motion with detailed commentary regarding changes in the model for the distribution of F & A from the SSE. They passed a motion to consider and discuss changes to the F and A Distribution policy. Shared governance that was applied in the past was not used in the decision making process. Chris has been working through several committees, meeting and councils to address this issue and try to gain resolution. Chris proposed to the President's Research Council that once we get an indication of where the new guidance from the governments, there will be an ad hoc committee that will come together to have conversation. consist of the Provost, Ellen Barnidge, FS President, VP for OVPR, and those who are highly by these decisions including two Dean's, two chairs, and two PI's who are significantly impacted by the decisions.

Chris was thanked for her work behind the scenes to make the conversation about engaging in true shared governance, possible.

A motion was made by Paul Bracher and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse: The Faculty Senate endorses the motion passed by the SSE Council as submitted. Motion Passed Unanimously.

SLIDE deck was shared regarding Academic Integrity findings for the fall term 2024.

10. Award Recognitions

As a reminder the Faculty Senate takes nominations for two awards annually. The Norman A. White and John A. Slosar Awards, both awarded at the opening Faculty Senate meeting in September. Award applications are on the Faculty Senate web page, and people are encouraged to nominate their colleagues. Chris has sent this information out to all faculty. Cathy Kienstra will collect these applications.

Chris recognized faculty earning teaching awards. They will be celebrated on April 2nd.

11. Leadership of the Senate and the Faculty Assembly

FSEC

Joe Lyons has been elected as the Senate President. Chris Rollins will serve as Past President. Jody Wood and Ruth Groff are in their first of two years. Donna will serve as Secretary for a second year. Sherry Bicklein and Steven McMillon have first terms that are up, and they are both eligible for running again.

We have two positions open. If anyone is interested in running for the open at-large seats, nominations for those positions will be taken up through the next senate meeting.

To encourage people to apply, Chris asked current FSEC members to share their interest in serving on the committee. The following ideas were shared; Having more of a voice and standing for the good of the faculty and university, Shared Governance, Knowing what is happening at the university level, being involved in solution-based conversations in these turbulent times.

Senate

Joe Lyons Sent out information on the faculty census, which is used to calculate the number of senators per College/School. Joe shared the numbers allotted to each college/school. The list of Senator allotments is attached. (Attach list of Senators for each school/college.)

12. BOT, School and Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

13. Announcements (within email)- No announcements at this time.

14. Additional Faculty Resources (links in email)

15. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:02 p.m.

Also attach:

- IRB Presentation
- Motion from SSE
- Presentation from Chris

April 15th meeting is in the BSC St. Louis Room 300