Faculty Senate

Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee Meeting
23 September 2026
2:00 pm, Room 357, Interdisciplinary Science Building

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Sanaz Aghazadeh.

2. Attendance
   Voting members present: Sanaz Aghazadeh, Kayanush Aryana, Len Apcar, Christopher Gregg, Julie Rollins, Darlene Groing, Len Apcar, Kanchan Maiti, Ipsita Gupta, Olivia Lucas, Christine Bruening, Anthony Oster
   Non-voting members present: Andrea Jones, Michael Blandino, Walt Holliday, Erin Schell
   Guest: Cathy Williams

II. Public Comments* -- none

III. Chair Election: Sanaz Aghazadeh elected as new chair unanimously.
   Nominations for Vice-chair open.
   Discussion on using AI assisted recording for minutes – clarification sought on preservation of records.

IV. New Business
   1. First reading: Commencement policy
      - Students can participate in a commencement ceremony the term in which they successfully complete all degree requirements along with having an Application for Degree submitted and approved by their senior college.
      - Formalizes a longstanding commencement practice for LSU BR that has been consistently enforced but has not previously been stated in a written policy.
      - Discussion on whether this is a problem with students from other campus wanting to walk.
      - Comment was made about graduation requirement hard to track as not on Workday.
      - Jones mentioned online population is another reason.
      - Groing requested clarification on term vs semester.

   2. First reading: College of Agriculture Proposal on changes to scholastic requirement
      - Changes proposed to Scholastic requirement listed on General Catalog, which is inconsistent with department requirements.
      - Williams explained this as a cleanup of new degree changes not reflected on college page.
      - Maiti – motion to suspend second reading; seconded by Lucas.

- Gupta/Gregg motion to vote
- Motion passes unanimously.

3. First Reading: Department of Accounting proposes increasing minimum GPA for admission in BS Accounting from 2.7 to 3.0
   - Aghazadeh introduced the proposal citing D/F/W has increased significantly.
   - It was mentioned that Department of Finance has seen increased enrollment even with a 3.0 requirement.
   - Jones mentioned that Accounting had 3.0 requirement till 2022-23 AY and asked what lead to the drop in GPA requirement after that.
   - Maiti sought more clarification on why changes were made in the first place.
   - Lucas also requested clarity on the changes made prior.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

*It is intended that public comments may be made (1) when they relate to a business matter on the agenda upon which a vote will be taken, as required in LA RS 42:14(D) and (2) when individuals desiring to make public comments have registered at least two hours prior to the meeting by emailing **facultysenate@lsu.edu**. When registering, individuals should identify themselves; the group they are representing, if appropriate; and the agenda item on which they would like to comment. To ensure that the meeting is conducted in an efficient manner, each individual's comments will be limited to no more than 3 minutes and the Chair reserves the right to limit public comments, if necessary.

The LSU Faculty Senate or its Committees may meet in executive session as authorized by La. R.S. 42:17.