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## Faculty Senate

Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee Meeting  
25 February 2026  
1pm, LSU Student Union, Tchoupitoulas 452

### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Michelle Osborn.

### II. Roll Call

Voting members present: Kayanush Aryana, Maribel Dietz, Len Aparcar, Christopher Gregg, Michelle Osborn, Julie Rollins, Ipsita Gupta

Not present: Sanaz Aghazadeh, Kanchan Maiti, Olivia Lucas, Lauren Cardenas, John Church

Non-voting members present: Michael Blandino, Walt Holliday, Jennifer Picard, Erin Schell, Jaqueline Bach, Cathy Williams

Non-voting members not present: Emmet Brown, Clay Benton

Guests: Dagoberto Diaz, CoE, Doug Waddell, CHSE ; Matthew Calamia, Graduate School; Paul Mooney, CHSE

III. Public Comments. Assistant Dean Doug Waddell, CHSE, made a quick comment of support for ICS (Integrative Community Studies), which is a great program. The problem is the scale of Spring commencement, which Spring is the largest, with many guests, VIPS, etc. He said the college is prepared to include the ICS students (only three) this spring.

IV. ASH Minutes Approval from 21 January 2025, approved.

V. Chair's Report updates: Faculty Senate Executive committee approved the HSS Admissions Standards Proposal we passed last meeting. Eligibility of faculty and staff is on agenda for March. Next two meetings, April 1 and April 22 (Wed at 3pm)

### VI. Old Business

1. Vice Chair -- there were no nominations for Vice Chair. Sanaz possibly in the future.
2. Second reading: ICS Commencement Proposal. Paul Mooney, CHSE, made some updates due to our feedback emphasizing that it is a federally approved two-year residential program that is terminal in nature. There is a proposal to create a 4-year program that is moving up the pipeline. A full class would be no more than 12 students. Both programs are certificate program which is different from credential programs. Aparcar made a motion to vote, Aryana seconded motion to vote. Motion passed. Aparcar made a motion to approve the proposal, Gregg seconded. Committee voted unanimously to approve.
3. Second reading: University Registrar Latin Honors proposal. Bach discussed the details and some of the concerns raised since this appeared to be another Workday issue. Grade

exclusion is now called “Repeat Delete” now. There was much discussion including that it might hurt students who don’t do repeat delete and it may result in more Latin Honors. One solution was to sit and watch to see the impact over three years and revisit the issue. Rollins made a motion to vote, Aryana seconded motion to vote. Motion passed. Apcar made a motion to approve the proposal with the provision that the committee will examine the impact of the proposal on the numbers of Latin Honors after four full semesters, revisiting the issue in May 2028. Dietz seconded. Committee voted unanimously to approve.

## VI. New Business

### 1. First reading: PGLGS Accelerated Master’s Degree Program

Update LSU’s Accelerated Master’s Degree Program by lowering the minimum eligibility GPA from 3.5 to 3.0 (with department autonomy to maintain or set higher thresholds) and allowing up to 12 graduate credits to be counted toward both bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Changes align LSU with common SEC peer practices and expand access while maintaining quality. Matt Calamia from the Graduate school stated that the College of Engineering had asked for this change but other programs can keep the higher GPA. Dagoberto Diaz, CoE, said that the 12 credit hours (current is 9 hours) is consistent with practices at other universities and the reality of the labor market. This would be done on a student by student basis and only 4000-level graduate sections taken by the student in their senior year would be allowed to be counted.

2. Review: Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) materials. The Board of Regents has asked us to review our Prior Learning Assessment material and consider consolidating where this material and the information is located, including the payment of \$50 to take an exam.

VII. Rollins made a motion to adjourn, Aryana seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 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 [faculty senate@lsu.edu](mailto:faculty senate@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.

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