

AGENDA – ULM Faculty Senate

Date: 11/20/25; 12:30-2 pm, Location: Sandel 238 and [Teams](#)

Document attendance [HERE](#). Note, the form will be open from 12:15 pm-2 pm on the meeting day.

*Agenda is tentative and may change *Sequence of agenda item discussion during meetings is subject to change *Information related to guest participation, pursuant to the Louisiana Open Meetings law, can be found HERE	The Louisiana Open Meetings Law can be accessed by scanning the QR code. 
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Call to order	
Approval of Minutes	Vote on 10/16/25 minutes
Reports of Committees	
2025-26 Committee Reports -Academic Standards (AS) -Constitution and By-Laws (CBL) -Elections (E) -Faculty Handbook (FH) -Faculty Welfare (FW) -Fiscal Affairs (FA) -Ad Hoc Committees: **Endowed Professorships (EP) **Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS) **P&T (PT)	Committees will be asked to provide a report for meetings they have completed. Confirm whether each committee has a designated chair. -Faculty Handbook (FH): Faculty senate president to appoint senator at large; how to handle situation with President-elect and Chair of Faculty Welfare committee being the same person
Unfinished Business	
Item Description	Meeting Documents/Prep/Action
Potential additional amendments to the senate's Constitution and Bylaws	Should the senate add language related to the ULS Faculty Advisory Council? ULS Bylaws pg. 13 Section VII. Councils "Faculty Advisory Council. The Faculty Advisory Council shall consist of one (1) faculty representative and an alternate representative from each System institution. These persons shall be selected by the Faculty Senate of each institution. Each institution shall pay expenses of its faculty representative (or alternate) to such meetings as the Faculty Advisory Council may call." *Should the 'purpose of the faculty senate' statement on the senate's home page be incorporated into the senate's CBL?

Updates to the ULM Faculty senate webpage	<u>Home page:</u> *DC 'service collaboration opportunities' <u>Meeting page:</u> *ULM Faculty Senate meetings are open to all ULM general faculty members. You are encouraged to attend. *Please be aware that Faculty Senate rules limit audience participation during the meetings. However, the chair President may recognize you if time is available for you to speak. To further pursue an issue, please meet with your college's Faculty Senate representatives, who can then take your issues to the appropriate Faculty Senate committee. May 16—Deadline for Survey and Online Vote on Budget Advisory Committee Resolution <u>Contact the faculty senate/Senator submissions:</u> https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/ *Ms. Scurfield has requested recommendations from the senate on dates/times for the additional training over CopyLeaks to occur.
Commission for Public Higher Education (CPHE) accreditation information and status	Overview and update to be provided. Resources: *Executive Summary CPHE Draft Standards.pdf *DRAFT CPHE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS WITH EXPLANATORY MEMO 20250819.pdf *CPHE FREA Feedback Request Handout.pdf
<i>New Business</i>	
Item Description	Meeting Documents/Prep/Action
Announcements	Senate President may present information impacting the University community and/or senate.
Discuss Provost's request to adhere to LA open meetings law	Ms. Sherry Carradine has been invited to review the law. She will be provided time to speak before the senate if she is able to attend. The presiding officer will provide an overview of how this impacts the senate. Email_OpenMeetingsLawRequestforAdherence_McEacharnM2025-11-06.pdf LA Open Meetings La AttorneyGeneralLandryJeff.pdf Rushing v. BoS SLU.pdf
Senate discussion over concerns being voiced related to the ULM President and Provost	Senate will discuss concerns over shared governance, transparency and other various aspects of this item of business.
University committee & University council assignments for faculty senators	https://ulmapps.ulm.edu/committees/ Senate will discuss various aspects of this item of business.

Potential changes to senate's constitution & bylaws (CBL) and ULM senate website related to open meetings law

***Senate to review tentative planned information related to the open meetings law.**

***ULM faculty senate webpage:**

Home page:

*Add the following:

Link titled '[Public Comment Webform for Faculty Senate Meetings](#)'

Descriptive text: Individuals who are not senators of the faculty senate may submit comments over agenda items here.

Note, submissions are not anonymous and the cutoff period for submissions to be included for a meeting is no later than 48 hours immediately preceding a meeting (exclusive of weekends and holidays).

Contact the faculty senate:

*Should the descriptive text be changed to something like:

To contact the faculty senate with issues for discussion or questions, unrelated to agenda items for scheduled meetings, you may contact Faculty Senate President, tice@ulm.edu, [speak with a faculty senate senator](#) or submit the anonymous form below. Submissions to this form made on or later than two weeks prior to a regular senate meeting may not get addressed until the next general meeting. Do not use this link to comment on faculty senate meeting agenda items. A separate link for those submissions is available for use. Submissions made to this webform related to agenda items for scheduled meetings may not be acknowledged or included during meetings.

Meetings page:

*ULM Faculty Senate meetings are open ~~to all ULM general faculty members~~ [in accordance with the LA open meetings law](#). ~~You are~~ [Attendance is](#) encouraged ~~to attend~~

***Constitution and Bylaws:**

Bylaws:

Article VII.Section4: change second sentence to: 'The secretary shall make available a summary report of the business transacted in accordance with the LA open meetings law.'

Article VII.Section5: change first sentence to: Meetings of the faculty senate are regularly open to attendance in accordance with the Louisiana open meetings law.

Article VII.Section7: Change wording to something such as: The order of business for faculty senate meetings shall include the following but additional items may be covered and the sequence can be adjusted.

a. Call to order

	b. Approval of minutes c. Reports of committees d. Unfinished business e. New business f. Adjournment Article VII. Section 8: secret ballots- remove statement OR adjust to 'a secret ballot requires a majority vote of the faculty senate, but can only be used when it does not violate the LA open meetings law.' Will need to address proxy votes as well.
Open Forum	Meeting will be open for questions and comments from senators and guests.
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