



Louisiana State University at Eunice

Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025

Meeting Attendance:

Name and Title	Status
Ms. Kristie Broussard Leger, Dean, Div of HSBT & Public Protection & Safety	Present
Ms. Rachelle Brown, Instructor, Communications, Faculty Senate Chairperson	Present
Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator	Present
Mr. Juan Darta, Assistant Director, Strategic Communications	Present
Mr. Audwin Donatto, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs	Present
Ms. Amanda Dunlap, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Department Chair, Mathematics	Present
Ms. Alisha Fontenot, Director of Dual Enrollment & LSUE Academy	Present
Dr. Billy Fontenot, Interim Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences	Present
Ms. Courtney Fruge, HR Manager, Chair of Staff Senate	Present
Ms. Jamie Funk, Manager – Office of Business Affairs	Present
Ms. Ashley Green, Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technology	Present
Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology	Work Day
Ms. Cassie Jobe Ganuchau, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	Present
Ms. Carey Lawson, Associate VC of Univ Advancement and Exec Dir of the LSUE Foundation	
Ms. Felicia “Nikki” May, Assistant Professor of Business Administration	Present
Dr. Douglas Narby, Associate Professor of Psychology & Coordinator of Online Education	Present
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	Present
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Registrar	Present
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	Present
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Team practice
Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)	
Dr. Charles Stewart, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

- I. Approve the meeting minutes from September 8, 2025. Motion by Dr. Charles Stewart with a second by Ms. Amanda Dunlap. Approved as emailed with no changes.
- II. Does the committee wish to approve the strategic goals? The Committee did not approve the strategic goals; however, they were discussed the opening sentence.

To prepare Louisiana's workforce while promoting academic excellence, LSU Eunice seeks to:

1. Ensure student access
2. Strengthen student success
3. Expand partnerships (to include expanded partnerships in Agriculture and Biotechnology, LSU Online, Program Advisory Boards, various grantors including the National Science Foundation, and local high schools and school boards).
4. Demonstrate a culture of continuous improvement

III. Editing the values is postponed for the time being.

IV. Responsibility for completing the existing strategic objectives.

LAPAS I.1: enrollment was assigned to the Registrar' Office.

LAPAS II.1: retention of new first-time, full-time, associate degree seeking students was assigned to Academic Affairs.

LAPAS II.2 150% graduation assigned to Academic Affairs where it currently lives.

LAPAS II.3: increase the number of one-year certificates assigned to Academic Affairs where it currently lives.

LAPAS II.4: increase the number of associate completers was assigned to Academic Affairs where it currently lives.

IV-1: increase the course success rate was assigned to Institutional Effectiveness.

IV-2: decrease the withdrawal rate was assigned to Institutional Effectiveness.

V. Creation of at least one strategic objective for Partnerships. See II-3 above. An objective was not created, but background information was generated in II-3 above. This will be on the October 6, 2025 agenda.

VI. Examine the Academic Plan Submitted to the Board of Regents (see [LSU Eunice Academic-Plan-Template-2025-2026.xlsx](#)). This examined and discussed the immediate and future plans.

VII. Examine the catalog for missing courses (see [courses-list-2025-09-09 11.08.14.xls](#)). The courses were discussed and Dr. Fowler noted that older courses should go through the Courses and Curricula Committee to be removed from the Catalog as there was no demand for some courses or concentrations. In addition, some courses were out of date. There was a discussion about who is responsible for processing the Courses and Curricula paperwork to remove courses.

In addition, there was some discussion about some courses not being on the transfer matrix or that the course number differed from LSU.

VIII. Meeting adjourned. Dr. Billy Fontenot Motioned with a second by Ms. Courtney Fruge. Dr. Fowler noted that the next meeting is Monday October 6, 2025, at 3 pm.