



Louisiana State University at Eunice  
Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 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
Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
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 Ganuchea, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	Present
Ms. Carey Lawson, Associate VC of University Advancement & Exec Dir of the LSUE Foundation	Present
Ms. Felicia "Nikki" May, Assoc Prof of Business Admin, Depart Chair for Business Technology	Present
Dr. Douglas Narby, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Associate Professor of Psychology	Present
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	Present
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Dean of Enrollment Management	Present
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication or	Present
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Practice
Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. Charles Stewart, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost (Ex Officio)	
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

I. Approve the meeting minutes from September 22, 2025 clarifying the opening sentence for strategic goals:

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

After the language was corrected, Ms. Fruge motioned and Mr. Reeves seconded approving the meeting minutes from September 22, 2025, as corrected. There was no dissent.

II. Create verbiage for the partnership objective that will point to the strategic goal.

LSU Eunice will grow workforce and community partnerships to increase opportunities for students in high wage, high demand careers that meet workforce and economic goals for Louisiana.

This will be linked to strategic goal number 3. expand partnerships and is meant to include new partnerships in Agriculture and Biotechnology, LSU Online, Program Advisory Boards, various grantors including the National Science Foundation, and local businesses, high schools and school boards, enrollment, completers, internships, job placement or continuing education.

Benchmark is: Depending on needs, 20 additional partnerships (type of partnership not specified).

III. Continue examining the Academic Plan Submitted to the Board of Regents (see [LSU Eunice Academic-Plan-Template-2025-2026.xlsx](#)).

There was quite a bit of discussion related to this item that included the following:

1. There seemed to be too many students in the Associate of General Studies Degree, and the question became how to have students major in a major that they desire.
2. A suggestion was made that we need to build concentrations within existing degrees.
  - a. An example give was medical arts.
  - b. Another example was to make cybersecurity into its own program.
3. A question was raised about why specializations only have four courses and that it was necessary to:
  - a. Revamp the list of degrees.
  - b. Update programs and/or create new programs
  - c. Build better scholarships for two-year completers transferring.
  - d. Change some course titles or do an update and change course titles.
4. Construction Management was given as an example where we might create a two-year program that feeds into it. However, it was noted that the program has very specific requirements. Faculty from LSU Eunice have tried to call them and they will not return calls.
5. Finally, it was recommended that someone from the committee go through the LSU Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and look at the Academic Affairs Committee section over the last year or so and determine what degrees they are focusing on. Dr. Stewart said he would do this.

IV. Continue examining the catalog for missing courses (see [courses-list-2025-09-09\\_11.08.14.xls](#)).

It was decided to leave as it is for the time being.

V. Placement of strategic goals, LAPAS/operational Goals, and objectives in the planning system

These will remain as they are with many of them in the academic affairs and institutional effectiveness areas. There was some discussion of placing SO for strategic objective in the planning system along with their department coding.

Dr. Fowler said that he will create the draft of a document

- VI. Other items? – there were no other items.
- VII. Adjournment was motioned by Ms. Brown and seconded by Dr. Fontenot. There was no dissent.
- VIII. Next meeting is on November 3, 2025, at 3 pm.