



Louisiana State University at Eunice  
Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 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	
Mr. Juan Darta, Assistant Director, Strategic Communications	
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	
Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology	Work Day
Ms. Cassie Jobe Ganuchea, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	
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	
Mr. Luke Ruppert, President, Student Government Association	
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Dean of Enrollment Management	
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	
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)	Present
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

- I. Edit and approve the meeting minutes from October 6, 2025.

Jamie Funk motioned that the October 6, 2025, meeting minutes be approved as amended in the October 20, 2025 meeting. Carey Lawson seconded the motion. There was no dissent.

II. Add benchmark for the partnership benchmark: How many new partnerships do we wish...per year or per five years?

Language for Objective: 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.

Number of partnerships over five years is 20. The type of partnership is not specified, and the number will be reported using institutional data for each year.

The objective is assigned to the Chancellor's Office

III. Academic Plan

- a. Further discussion based on the meeting minutes? We will dedicate a meeting to this. Talk about programs already sent to BoR. Look at degrees approved by Board of Supervisors for LSU; This will take some time. Need to begin paperwork on the scheduled programs that we have in mind before moving into other areas like certificates that may be missing (such as Cyber Security).
- b. Was anyone assigned to look at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes for degrees being created? Dr. Stewart said he would take a look.
- c. Values

IV. The mission statement was shared with Staff Senate. Fowler explained why it was worded the way it was – Board of Supervisors' approval and legislative priorities. There were no comments from the Staff Senate meeting.

V. Values – the committee decided to use the sentences created on June 6, 2025. These sentences were included just under the values themselves.

**Truth:** Seek truth and excellence in all endeavors.

**Responsibility:** Embody responsibility through teaching and upholding accountability.

**Accessibility:** Provide accessibility by removing barriers.

**Collaboration:** Promote collaboration through educational and workforce partnerships.

**Knowledge:** Foster Knowledge through learning and discovery

VI. Mission and strategic goals.

The Chancellor noted that she would like the Mission Statement to go to the LSU Board of Supervisors for the December 2025 meeting. Dr. Stewart did the required paperwork and sent it on October 27, 2025.

VII. Adjournment – motioned by Courtney Fruge and seconded by Kristie Broussard Leger. There was no dissent.