



Louisiana State University at Eunice
Strategic Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Date: November 17, 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	Risk Mgmt
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
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	WorkDay
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	
Ms. Felicia "Nikki" May, Assoc Prof of Business Admin, Depart Chair for Business Technology	Off Campus
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	
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Present
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. Approve the meeting minutes from November 3, 2025 – Motioned by Courtney Fruge and seconded by Jamie Funk. There was no discussion and no dissent.

- II. **Carried over from the last meeting:** Mission Statement: Once approved by the Board of Supervisors, Dr. Fowler will file the substantive change with SACSCOC. There is a fee, and a prospectus discussing everything from impacts on academics to athletics and finances (and fiscal

stability) will need to be written. There is a provision on whether the change in the mission statement is editorial. In that case, it is not submitted to SACSCOC.

Question: Does the committee believe the change is editorial? Yes. Why?

- a. The previous mission statement was from 2003 and the wording needed to be streamlined and more efficient.
- b. There is no philosophical change.
- c. The highest degree offered remains the associate degree.

III. **Carried over from the last meeting:** Academic Planning

- a. LSU Board of Supervisors meeting minutes search results

Charles Stewart showed the committee the list of proposed programs across the state of Louisiana based on the Board of Regents Excel file. The excel file is in the strategic planning teams folder > general > 2025 strategic plan > LSUE > Academic Plan 25-26.

- b. Other program development
 - i. "Low hanging fruit"

Rebrand transfer degrees (AGS, AALT, and ASLT) with pathways to popular degree choices like what LSUA has done was discussed. This would mean creating a list of pathways for each transfer degree that would point to specific majors. Examples are

1. ASLT – engineering
2. ASLT – health sciences
3. AGS – education
4. AALT – teaching

Another area that was brought up was to offer existing courses that should be offered that have not been offered for a period of time and are in the catalog. It might be a factor of hiring an adjunct faculty member in some cases. We may want to ask faculty for a list of courses they would like to teach. Examples that were given:

1. Dance
2. Acting
3. Kinesiology
4. Anything in forensics or behavior sciences
5. Anything in criminal investigation

ii. Long Term

Physical Therapy (will be submitted to the BoS and BoR)
DMS – Echo Vascular (will be submitted to the BoS and BoR)
Engineering Technology (will be submitted to the BoS and BoR)

K-12 Teachers – Elementary and Middle School Teachers
Computer Science – Artificial Intelligence
Data Scientist
Mental Health Technicians

Behavioral Technicians

We may wish to create new courses

1. For additional concentrations
2. Fun courses
3. Use of technology
4. Engineering technology
5. Data sciences
6. Informatics
7. Library sciences
8. Sports analytics

IV. **Suggested at the November 3, 2025 meeting:** Address the language in the strategic goals as 1 and 2 are almost identical.

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

1. ensure student access
2. strengthen student success

The committee did not act on this. They believed that the language was ok as it is.

V. Introductory text for document and layout (if time permits)

Comments related to the plan layout included the need to:

1. include language on what we intend on doing.
2. how we intend to achieve our goals.
3. Include language about the course redesigns for gateway courses can help increase student success.

VI. Adjournment – motioned by Kristie Leger and seconded by Charles Stewart. There was no discussion and no dissent.