



October 15, 2026

Dear Senators,

It has been a period of relative calm in the weeks since our last meeting but I anticipate things will pick up in the second half of the semester. Please remain engaged and ready to keep your colleagues informed as events unfold.

1. Council of College Policy Committees, Councils, and Senates

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee would like to reactivate the Council of College Policy Committees, Councils, and Senates which exists in the Senate's Bylaws but has not been active for some time. The charges of this committee are (1) to allow the executive administrator of the elected policy committees, council or senate of the various academic units to consult and to communicate with each other and with the FSEC; and (2) to make recommendations to the FSEC on matters of interest to the Council, and on matters referred to it by the FSEC. For purposes of participation each "[college, school, or unit is defined as](#) an academic unit which is represented on the Senate, and which reports directly to the Provst (or designee)." If you are a member of one of these bodies within your college or equivalent unit, please contact me for more information.

2. Optional Retirement Plan Task Force

The state's Optional Retirement Plan Task Force continues to meet every other week and is making good progress towards its charge to "focus on differences affecting long-term participants and options for achieving greater parity with the defined benefit plan" as laid out in HR 352. I am pleased with the collaborative nature of the task force and the seriousness with which members are approaching the task we have been given. Our report, including recommendations for possible action by the Legislature, is due early next year.

3. Line Dancing 101

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is pleased to work with Tiger Trailride and the Staff Senate to sponsor Line Dancing 101, an event for line dancers of all experience levels from beginner to old hand. The event will be held Thursday, November 12, from 6–8pm in the Royal Cotillion Ballroom in the Student Union. All faculty and staff and their families are welcome. We will circulate a flyer with additional information and a registration link which we encourage you to share with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel C. Tirone", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel C. Tirone
President, LSU Faculty Senate