



April 21, 2026

Dear Senators,

With a full agenda for today's meeting, I will keep my President's Report concise.

**1. Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost Search Update**

The search committee for the next Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost has concluded its work and arrangements are currently being made to bring the finalists to campus the weeks of May 4 and May 11 for events with stakeholder groups. I thank the firm Academic Search, Committee Chair Dean Vicki Colvin, and my fellow committee members for their efforts during a brief but intense period. Though greatly accelerated, the search was thorough and yielded a very competitive pool of interested parties. I encourage you to participate in the forums with the finalists and take advantage of the channels which will be made available to provide feedback to the Chancellor as he deliberates whom to appoint to the position.

**2. Course and Instructor Evaluation Committee**

The joint Faculty Senate, OAA and OIE committee to review course and instructor evaluations is now fully staffed and has already held its first two meetings. I look forward to the committee's recommendations which I anticipate will begin to be implemented in the Fall 2026 semester. In the meantime, please remind your students about the importance of completing their course evaluations and encourage them to do so before they close on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**3. Attendance and Generative Artificial Intelligence Surveys**

Enrollment Management has distributed the Senate's Attendance Survey and the Faculty Senate *ad hoc* Generative Artificial Intelligence Committee's survey on student use of GAI to over 27,000 students via multiple channels. We thank them for their partnership in getting these to students and look forward to the results.

**4. Legislative Session**

Senate leadership is working closely with various administrative units to monitor bills of interest to higher education during the ongoing legislative session. If there is a bill which is of concern to you please contact us so we can schedule a meeting to discuss the matter.

This has been quite an eventful year for LSU, one which introduced a new leadership team and began the process by which the five research campuses within our system will be consolidated into a single Flagship. I thank each of you for the service you have provided to the Senate and your colleagues during the last nine months, and I would like to particularly recognize those of you for whom this will be the last meeting of your term. Participation in shared governance is a vital but frequently underappreciated aspect of a faculty member's responsibilities and our institution is stronger because of your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Tirone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Daniel C. Tirone  
President, LSU Faculty Senate