

September 19, 2024

Dear Senators,

I hope you, your families, and your students weathered the recent storm well and life has now returned to normal. If there are any lingering issues with which the Executive Committee may be of assistance, please let us know. Below are brief summaries of notable items since our last meeting in August.

1. Remote Learning Plan

Hurricane Francine provided us our first opportunity to utilize the new [Remote Learning Plan](#) (RLP) as LSU moved to remote instruction on Wednesday and then closed completely on Thursday. I have received feedback from a number of faculty members about their experiences and it is clear that there are many positive aspects of this approach and some areas f

the report at one of our October meetings and will also look to distribute the report to the faculty more widely in combination with that presentation.

Given that Grammarly is only one example of the evolution of educational technology which affects instruction, the Executive Committee invited representatives from Student Advocacy and Accountability to meet with us to better understand how faculty can work with SAA on these issues. It was a very productive meeting and it was clear that the most important elements in maintaining the integrity of instruction is setting clear expectations around the use of these tools, communicating them to students, and then providing as much documentation as possible when there is a suspected case of academic misconduct. When SAA evaluates an alleged infraction one of the critical elements is the guidance provided to students through the syllabus and other course materials. If that guidance is missing or unclear it is much more difficult to find a student responsible. Being as specific and transparent in our expectations will therefore help SAA help us in ensuring that the work a student submits meets our expectations for academic integrity.

3. LSU A&M Faculty Report at the Board of Supervisors Meeting

As Faculty Senate President I serve as our campus representative to the Council of Faculty Advisors, and I was pleased to be able to deliver the faculty report from all the campuses within the system to the Board of Supervisors at their recent meeting on September 6. A part of my report was able to share the following items of note regarding the achievements of our faculty:

- Collectively LSU A&M, the Agricultural Center and Pennington Biomedical Research Center increased our research and development expenditures from FY20 to FY23 by 34%, with \$384 million in expenditures for the last fiscal year.
- When the expenditures from the Health Science Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport are added the equivalent increase in this time period is 37.5%, with total expenditures of \$488 million in the fiscal year.
- Our research productivity metrics are similarly impressive. During the period from 2019 through 2023 LSU A&M and Agricultural Center faculty:
 - Published 8,276 articles
 - Published 375 book chapters
 - Were cited 141,395 times
- Finally, our faculty published 435 books in the preceding ten years.

The report was very well received by the Board, who appeared impressed by the great work being done by you, our faculty. I would also like to extend my thanks to Vice President and Chief Data Officer Dr. Keena Arbuthnot, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Dr. Robert Twilley, and Elsa Habibi in the Office of Research & Economic Development for their assistance in the preparation of the faculty report.

recommendations about other groups or topics which may be of interest to the faculty at please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel C. Tirone", written over a set of horizontal lines.

Daniel C. Tirone
President, LSU Faculty Senate