LSU Press Committee 2019-2020 Report for the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate LSU Press Committee for AY 2020-21 consists of the following members:

- Brannon Costello (Chair)
- Robert Peck
- Alecia Long
- Vince LiCata
- Marybeth Lima (rotated off)
- Mandi Lopez (rotated off)
- Michael Pasquier
- Lance Porter
- Ingeborg Langohr
- Laura Ikuma

The committee met four times already this year, and we will meet again in July. At each meeting, the committee provides a final review for projects that have been through the peer review process and determines whether they will receive final approval for publication. The press publishes in a wide range of fields, with a particular emphasis on history, poetry, literary studies, and journalism and media studies.

A week, or so, prior to the meeting, the members of the committee receive a packet of materials from the Press which contains the following items:

- an agenda of the upcoming meeting
- the minutes of the previous meeting
- readers' reports, authors' responses, editors' reports, and other relevant correspondence on the set of manuscripts that the Press proposes to publish.

The members of the committee review the packet of materials prior to the meeting, paying particular attention to the integrity of review processes. At the meeting, the committee votes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The committee also discusses each manuscript and votes whether to approve it for publication. The meeting concludes with a determination of the date of the next meeting.

In this academic year, we have reviewed and approved 45 projects.

Our plan for next year is to continue our current role. There are no anticipated major changes to the committee structure or its mission.