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HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACULTY SENATE MEETING

April 6, 1999

Chancellor Jenkins, Resolution 99-09, Resolution 99-10, Resolution 99-11

- Remarks by Chancellor Jenkins
- Remarks by Provost Fogel
- Senate elections
- SR 99-12 on environmental control in classrooms
- SR 99-13 on outstanding service by Dr. Billie Collier and Dr. John Collier
- SR 99-14 on establishing a Commission on the Status of Minorities

Minutes*

Faculty Senate Meeting

April 6, 1999

Invited Guests: Chancellor William Jenkins, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost Daniel M. Fogel, Dr. Ron Snider, Kelli Langlois.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Proxies were announced: Richard Kurtz for Neil Kestner, Geoff Turnbull for Dek Terrell, Paul LaRock for Margaret Reams, Paul Wilson for Carl Motsenbocker, Malcolm Richardson for Leonard Stanton and Judy Kahn, John Rodrigue for James Lewis, Catherine Cummins for AnnMarie Davis, and Jeff Perry for Steven Betts.

Results of Senate Elections

Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 1999-2000 academic year:

President Katie Cherry, Psychology

Vice-President Richard Bengtson, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Secretary Carol Barry, Library and Information Science

Members-at-Large** James Garand, Political Science

Richard Imlay, Physics

Past President Alan Fletcher, Mass Communication

**One additional Member-at-Large that is an incoming *new* senator will be elected at September Senate meeting.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor reported that Mark Emmert is visiting Baton Rouge again to meet with the Board of Supervisors and is likely to become the new Chancellor. The other two candidates have withdrawn their names from further consideration.

In meetings/testimony with the legislature, the Chancellor reported that he is continuing his efforts to obtain for LSU the appropriations that have been included in the executive budget.

The new chancellor is not likely to be in place before July 1 and Dr. Jenkins will continue in the dual mode of Chancellor of LSU-BR and LSU System President.

Remarks by Provost Fogel

The Provost reported that he will have a PS-36 revision committee fully appointed soon. Ralph Kinney was one of the nominees (from FSEC) to head the committee and the Provost is in favor of Dr. Kinney's appointment to this position.

The Provost reported that Dr. Jill Suitor has agreed to chair the Commission on the Status of Women and the Provost will formally appoint the committee soon.

The Provost provided some background information on the draft Dismissal for Cause for Faculty document. This issue was previously addressed in the old version of PS-36. As of July 1, 1997, PS-36 was revised and so there is no policy currently operative specifically addressing dismissal for cause for faculty. In a memo from interim Provost Carolyn Hargrave (June 30, 1997), wrote that a free-standing policy should be developed. Until such a policy was in place, the old PS-36 provisions would apply. A policy was drafted by a committee which included then-president of the faculty senate, George Strain. It was approved by the Senate Executive Committee but did not go through a full legal review. In fall 1998, the draft policy was revised and circulated to various groups on campus including the Senate Executive Committee, the Commission on the Status of Academic Ranks, the Personnel Matters Committee in the Council of Academic Deans and Directors. The Provost anticipated a discussion of a memo by Dr. Ron Sneider later in the senate meeting.

President's Report

President Fletcher announced the 1999 Walk America fund raiser for the March of Dimes. He reported on the events at a meeting of the Student Technology Fee Committee; \$900,000 has been tentatively allocated. Reports from most of the senate standing committees have been received. A request was made for feedback on the draft of PS-69, Misconduct in Research.

Professor Ron Snider was invited to speak. As local chapter president of AAUP, he commented on the Dismissal for Cause for faculty draft document. The document does not conform to the standards of the AAUP and threatens tenure and academic freedom, according to Snider. Provost Fogel was asked to respond and commented on the involvement of the AAUP on previous versions of the document. The Provost also commented on the idea of appointing a committee for cause is an interesting idea that will be considered carefully. There was also some discussion regarding the nature of the evidence ("clear and convincing" versus "proponderance"). Misconduct in research and dismissal for cause were discussed. The Provost reiterated that this document is a work-in-progress and invited input from the Senate in the near future.

A motion was made by Senator Garand that the FSEC consider the draft document and establish a recommendation to the senate at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Senator Bengtson read SR 99-12 on amending PS-29 regarding environmental control in classrooms (see attached). The resolution was seconded and will be considered at the May meeting.

Senator Feldman read SR 99-14 regarding the status of minorities on campus (see attached). The resolution was seconded and will be considered at the May meeting.

Senator Garand read SR 99-13 regarding outstanding service to LSU by Dr. Billie Collier and Dr. John Collier. The resolution was seconded and will be considered at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Elizabeth J. Wilson, Secretary

**The transcript of this meeting is available at <http://www.lsu.edu/guests/senate>

Faculty Senate Resolution 99-12

Whereas, LSU Policy Statement 29, Environmental Control in the Classroom, restricts eating, smoking, drinking, and the presence of animals in classroom areas, and

Whereas, there are courses in which eating, drinking, and use of animal are necessary for teaching and learning; that is, eating or drinking may be an integral part of the evaluation and discussion of food preparation, nutritional value, processing, properties, or safety,

Therefore be it resolved that PS-29 be amended as indicated by the **bold underlined** print in the following paragraph,

"It is the University's intent to provide in all teaching facilities an environment conducive to study and learning. Any situation or deportment which disrupts the learning process is prohibited. Eating, drinking, and smoking are prohibited at all times in teaching areas, **except where food or drink is considered an integral part of the course structure by the instructor**. All animals, except seeing-eye/**hearing-for-deaf** dogs **and animals that are provided by the instructor as instructional resources** are prohibited in teaching facilities."

Faculty Senate Resolution 99-13

Whereas John Collier served as President of the Faculty Senate during the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 academic years, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Whereas Billie Collier served as President of the Faculty Senate for the 1993-1994 academic year, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Whereas John Collier and Billie Collier both provided extraordinary service to the LSU Faculty Senate and, ultimately, to the faculty of Louisiana State University;

Whereas John Collier and Billie Collier have recently announced that they will be leaving LSU to pursue career opportunities at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate commends John Collier and Billie Collier for their numerous and valuable contributions to Louisiana State University and the LSU Faculty Senate, and wishes them the best of luck in their new positions at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Faculty Senate Resolution 99-14

Whereas a recent Student Government survey of minority students on campus indicated that most of the students had serious concerns about minority issues, and

Whereas minorities and women are often affected by similar issues, and

Whereas the faculty senate has recently voted to adopt Faculty Senate Resolution 9-10 to create a permanent Commission on the Status of Women,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly supports the creation of a permanent Commission on the Status of Minorities consisting of faculty, staff, and student representatives to identify the needs of minorities on campus, to monitor changes in the status of minorities at LSU, to make recommendations regarding conditions at LSU that affect minority employees and students, to work closely with LSU's administration to implement policy recommendations in a timely manner, and to report regularly to the Faculty Senate on its findings and accomplishments.