



LSU Faculty Senate Meeting  
3:00 P.M., March 15, 2006, Atchafalaya Room, LSU Union Building

Attendance

*Faculty Senate Executive Committee members present:*

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| 1. William H. Daly (Senate President) | 5. Lois J. Kuyper-Rushing (Member-at-Large)       |
| 2. D. Larry Crumbley (Vice President) | 6. Randall Hall (Member-at-Large)                 |
| 3. Paul W. Wilson (Secretary)         | 7. Claire Advokat (Ex Officio, Immed. Past Pres.) |
| 4. Judith Schiebout (Member-at-Large) |   |

Parliamentarian: Andrew King(present)

*Senators present:*

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| 1. Helene Afeman         | 12. Wayne Gauthier         | 23. Bruce Mark Olcott     | 34. Kevin Smith         |
| 2. Pratul Ajmera         | 13. Jeffrey M. Gillespie   | 24. Robert Peck           | 35. George Stanley      |
| 3. Nicholas G. Apostolou | 14. Randall Hall           | 25. Robert Perlis         | 36. Robert Tague        |
| 4. William W. Armstrong  | 15. Steven Hall            | 26. Witoon Prinyawlwatkul | 37. Ann Trousdale       |
| 5. Hugh W. Buckingham    | 16. Kelli Scott Kelly      | 27. Dorothy Prowell       | 38. Warren Waggenspack  |
| 6. Andrew Christie       | 17. Gerald Knapp           | 28. Arnulfo G. Ramirez    | 39. Michael Wascom      |
| 7. Kevin L. Cope         | 18. Lois J. Kuyper-Rushing | 29. Leonard Ray           | 40. Rick Weil           |
| 8. D. Larry Crumbley     | 19. Paul A. Larock         | 30. Adelaide M Russo      | 41. AimeeElizabethWelch |
| 9. Louis Day             | 20. Suzanne Marchand       | 31. Rebecca Saunders      | 42. Cathleen Williams   |
| 10. Charles Delzell      | 21. Kenneth W. McMillin    | 32. Patsy Scates          | 43. Paul W. Wilson      |
| 11. Emily Elliot         | 22. Kathy Lee O'Reilly     | 33. Joseph Skillen        |                         |

*Proxies for absent Senators:*

Helene Afeman for Terrie Poehl  
William W. Armstrong for Lisl Zach  
Joseph Skillen for William Metcalf  
Kevin Smith for Catherine Lemieux  
Warren Waggenspack for Kerry M. Dooley, Julius Langlinais  
Cathleen Williams for Maud Maureen Walsh  
Andrew Christie for Douglas McMillin

Alternate Representative: Heather Gilbert for James L. Murphy

*Senators absent without proxies + (# of absences without proxies):*

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| 1. Kenneth Bankston(7) | 6. Dennis W. Duffield(2) | 11. Steve Hand(1)        | 16. Francois Raffoul(4) |
| 2. Jim S Borck(6)      | 7. Jay D Edwards(6)      | 12. Vincent J. LiCata(3) | 17. Dan B. Rinks(1)     |
| 3. Ruth L. Bowman(12)  | 8. James H. Gill(7)      | 13. Yiping Lou(2)        | 18. Grover Waldrop(3)   |
| 4. Mark A. Caruso(7)   | 9. Elmer Godeny(3)       | 14. Cathy S. Marshall(6) |                         |
| 5. David Dismukes(17)  | 10. Brian Hales(2)       | 15. Thomas Neff(7)       |                         |

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### **Highlights**

#### **-President's Report**

#### **-Report from the FS General Education Committee**

#### **-Old Business**

**-Final Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution on Committee on Student Aid and Scholarships (FS Resolution 05-10)**

#### **-New Business**

**- Nominations for FSEC and Election of FS Committee Members**

**-First Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 06-05, Appointment of a Faculty Representative to the LSU Board of Supervisors**

### **Minutes**

President Daly opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. with a reading of the proxies.

#### **Introduction of Guests**

Visiting guests were introduced and urged to sign up on the attendance sheet.

Guests attending the February meeting included:

Frank Cartledge, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Karen Denby, Academic Affairs

Robert Doolos, University Registrar

Will Harris, The Daily Reveille

Louay Mohammad, Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Committees

Carol O'Neil, Chair, Faculty Senate General Education Committee

Mary Parker, Student Aid Office

Samantha Walker, The Daily Reveille

Will Harris, The Daily Reveille

**Consideration of Minutes** - President Daly asked if there were any comments or corrections for the minutes of January 19 and February 16. After minor corrections, minutes were approved by show of hands.

#### **President's Report**

President Daly began his report by thanking emeritus professor Carruth McGehee for the exemplary job done completing the tenure track policy statement, PS-36T, and the final version of the non-tenure track PS-36NT. The PS-36NT leaves an avenue for departments and colleges to include added rules within their policies for non-tenure track personnel. Both documents have been released to university lawyers for a review which should be concluded by Fall 2006.

President Daly noted that after passage of FS resolution 06-03, A Commission on Financial Exigency Policy, an exigency commission was appointed and included: Karl A. Roeder, Alumni Professor of History (who also served on the original commission); Richard Kurtz, Professor of Physics and member of AAUP; Jim Fernandez, Vice Provost Academic Affairs; Kenneth McMillin, Professor of Animal Science; Tom Lynch, Professor in the Public Administration Institute; Kevin Cope, Professor of English; and Cecil Eubanks, Alumni Professor of Political Science. Kevin Cope will serve as chair.

The LSU AgCenter has already asked the LSU Board of Supervisors (BOS) for a declaration of exigency which was granted. The AgCenter administration has promised to follow the BOS rules for handling the exigency. UNO is currently preparing a financial exigency document, not finalized as yet, but some question the need since the budget reductions have been planned for at least 4 years and so cannot not be construed as "disaster relief." The UNO enactment of PM 35 withholds many of the due process protections present in the Baton Rouge campus version and

largely ignores the tenure system and faculty input. President Daly and others consider this to be a serious problem and will ask the BOS to allow faculty from UNO to address the board.

After a letter of concern sent on February 10 to the chair of the BOS and a FS resolution, 06-04 (Some criteria for the selection of the President of the LSU System) was passed, BOS member, Mr. Charles S. Weems, III made a recommendation to the BOS for an agenda item:

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WHEREAS, William L. Jenkins is the President of the LSU System and has agreed to continue to serve as President until a successor has been chosen and assumes office;

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges and will act at a later date on Dr. Jenkins' request to be reassigned as President Emeritus and Professor in Veterinary Physiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, to participate in system-wide fund raising activities and official functions for components of the LSU System, to provide advice and counsel, and to serve on task forces and commissions as requested;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the best interests of LSU require the engagement a qualified entity to perform a review to determine the kinds and qualities of leadership skills and support which a President of the LSU System will require in light of the changing demands upon, and the changing nature of, universities in the twenty-first century. Such review shall not include any consideration of realignment or merger of LSU System entities.

WHEREAS, individuals named to the partial search committee previously announced are sincerely thanked for their willingness to serve and will be the core group for consideration when the committee is selected at a later date;

WHEREAS, after consideration and acceptance of the final study report by the Board, a search committee will be selected after appropriate notice and opportunity for participation by the constituencies of the LSU family. Thereafter, the membership of the search committee will be finalized with the advice and consent of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the final report will be furnished to the search committee with instructions from the Board as to process, including open and transparent procedures, along with the Board's expectations. The search committee will then be asked by the Board to begin a national search for the best possible candidates to be the next President of the LSU System.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board adopts the principles and general procedures set forth above as those to be followed in the President selection process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Staff of the LSU System is authorized and directed to determine the availability of qualified entities to perform the review described above, to determine the cost, to advise as to the experience of such entities, and to present its findings to the Board.

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Following the naming of a new BOS president, Mr. Rod West, the resolution of Mr. Weems passed unanimously at the March 9-10 meeting. The resolution addressed many of the concerns expressed in the LSU Baton Rouge FS and elsewhere. A consulting firm (Associated Governing Board of Universities and Colleges) was hired to develop a job description that will take approximately 3 months time. Following this, a search committee will be appointed after "appropriate notice and opportunity to participate by all constituencies of the LSU family". The search is to be "open and transparent." President Jenkins will remain until next president is chosen.

A total of 18 faculty members from institutions across the state met in February to assess the possible implications of the upcoming legislative session. However, until bills for the upcoming session are filed, it is impossible to predict the key issues regarding education.

An Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) meeting of all faculty members is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at Southern University. This will be during the recess in the legislative session. By that time bills should

be filed and faculty representatives will be able to identify the key issues. The objective of the meeting is to alert faculty to these issues, to include presentations that show how faculty have contributed to the recovery from the hurricanes and to give New Orleans faculty an opportunity to express what is occurring on their campuses. Some N.O. faculty have expressed concern that they are being ignored in the press. Legislators will be encouraged to attend. Because many legislators are leaving office due to term limits, there is a fear of last minute proposals that would be detrimental to higher education.

Senator Buckingham asked what "press" Daly was referring to in his statement and the response was New Orleans area and Chronicles of Higher Education.

President Daly has asked committee chairs to present reports to the FS during the remaining meetings beginning with the General Education Committee. He has asked Gen. William Bowden, President and CEO LSU Foundation, to update the FS about the capital campaign that will launch in New York and take about 5 years as estimated by the Chancellor.

### **General Education Committee Report**

Carol O'Neil, Chair of the General Education Committee addressed the FS concerning the issue of General Education courses and the expectation of course content. In a recent review of Board of Regents (BOR) requirements, it was found that LSU was not in compliance in science or social science. The committee has revised the General Education requirements to correct the problem. The committee has begun assessing overall general education to determine what competencies are desired for a student graduating from LSU. The General Catalog has a description of what a General Education course is and what is expected in such a course. Six categories of courses have been identified: English composition(6 hr), analytical reasoning (6 hr), arts(3 hr), humanities (9 hr), natural sciences (8-9 hr) and social sciences (6 hr). The committee will review all six categories over a three-year period beginning with natural sciences.

Senator O'Reilly asked if there were any changes in the Honors College courses and O'Neil replied that none were planned at this time. President Daly mentioned the issue of diversity and how this could be addressed in a general education context. Senator O'Neil mentioned that current thought was to put content pertaining to education of cultural differences into current courses rather than introduce new courses. Senator Stanley asked if the distribution of credit number per category was determined by the BOR and O'Neil replied that it was.

### **Old Business**

Senator Day addressed the FS concerning FS 05-10, Amendments to Article IX of the Senate Bylaws Regarding Provisions of the Committee on Student Aid and Scholarships. He has incorporated the suggestions from senators K. McMillin and Kuyper-Rushing expressed during February FS meeting. President Daly asked for final comments and hearing none moved for a vote on the resolution. The resolution passed by a show of hands.

### **New Business**

#### **- Nominations for FSEC and Elections of FS Committee Members**

President Daly began the nomination process for FS officers with a reading of the current slate of nominees and an encouragement of nominations from the floor.

President - Bill Daly

Vice-President - Kevin Cope

Secretary - Lois J. Kuyper-Rushing

Members-at-Large - Judith Schiebout, Paul Wilson, and Michael Wascom

A nomination from the floor for Senator Charles Delzell for Vice President was declined by Senator Delzell. A nomination from the floor for Senator Robert Perlis for Member-at-Large was accepted.

President Daly presented nominations for FS Committee positions as provided by the Committee on Committees and encouraged nominations from the floor. The candidates submitted by the Committee on Committees were as follows:

For the Budget and Planning Advisory Committee:

Yi-Jun Xu (Assoc Prof, Renew Nat Resources)  
Michelle A. Masse (Prof, English)  
Michael Leitner (Asst Prof, Geog & Anth)  
Noel Hammatt (Instructor, Curr & Instr)  
Bhaba Sarker (Desig Prof, CM & IE)  
Pratul Ajmera (Desig Prof, Elec & Compt Engr)

For the Committee on Committees

Louay Mohammad (Assoc Prof, Civil Engr.)  
Paul Hrycaj (Asst Libr, Library)  
Cornelia Yarbrough (Desig Prof, Music)  
Jeff Kuehny (Prof, Horticulture)  
David Brasington (Desig Prof, Economics)

For the Educational Policy Committee

Frederick Ortner (Prof, Art)  
Nicholas Apostolou (Desig Prof, Accounting)  
Terri Poehl (Asst Prof, Curr & Instr)  
Mitchell Fontenot (Asst Libr, Library)  
William Grimes (Desig Prof, Music)  
Andrea Miller (Desig Prof)

For the Faculty Grievance Committee

Paul Russo (Desig Prof, Chemistry)  
Paul LaRock (Prof, Oceanography)  
Robert Gambrell (Prof, Wetland Biogeochem)  
Denise Egea-Kuehne (Prof, Curr & Instr)  
Kelly A Rusch (Desig Prof, Civil & Env Engr)  
James Catallo (Assoc Prof, Vet Medicine)

There was one additional nomination from the floor by Vice-President Crumbley who nominated David Hayes (Accounting) for the Budget and Planning Committee. Ballots were distributed, collected and tabulated. The results of the vote for committee membership were:

Budget & Planning Committee(4 slots)

David Hayes  
Noel Hammatt  
Pratul Ajmera  
Michelle Masse  
Yi-Jun Xu - alternate

Committee on Committees(3 slots)

Louay Mohammad  
Cornelia Yarbrough  
David Brasington  
Jeff Kuehny - alternate

Education Policy Committee(3 slots)

William Grimes  
Mitchell Fontenot

Andrea Miller  
Frederick Ortner - alternate

Grievance Committee (3 slots)  
Paul Russo  
James Catallo  
Paul LaRock  
Kelly Rusch - alternate

President Daly mentioned the resignation of BOS member and chair Bernard Boudreaux. The LSU student government associations have already written a letter to the governor requesting that the vacant slot be replaced with a current or former student. Daly has also submitted a letter requesting that a new BOS member position be created that will be reserved for a current LSU faculty member. Membership by an active faculty member would provide additional insight to the board and provide a balance for campus views. Students and LSU administrators already have considerable input to BOS proceedings.

To this end, Immediate Past President, Claire Advokat submitted a FS Resolution 06-05, Appointment of a Faculty Representative to the LSU Board of Supervisors, and read it into the minutes.

**First Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 06-05, Appointment of a Faculty Representative to the LSU Board of Supervisors**

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*Whereas:* The various faculties within the Louisiana State University System are critical components of the LSU System

*Whereas:* The Board should be able to draw on faculty expertise when considering issues of pedagogy, comparable institutions and academic infrastructures.

*Whereas:* Highly respected peer institutions, including the University of Florida, Florida State University, Virginia Tech, University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee, have voting faculty members on their boards.

*Whereas:* The student bodies from the LSU System have voting representation on the LSU Board of Supervisors

*Therefore be it resolved* that legislative action be initiated to assure that a designated position for a voting faculty representative with an exceptional academic record is added to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

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Senator Russo suggested that LSU Baton Rouge needs more influence in the BOS. Senator Gauthier moved to strike the phrase "with an exceptional academic record." Senator Stanley suggested keeping the phrase since we would probably want a person with a strong academic record. Senator Ajmera agreed. Senator Marchand asked how such a person would be selected. Daly responded that the various LSU student councils get together and elect a representative each year and the various faculty senates could elect someone in a similar manner. Senator Delzell questioned whether the governor appoints all members and Daly responded that this was not the case for the student slot. Senator Gauthier responded that any LSU faculty member should be qualified to fill the position and represent the faculty. Motion to remove phrase passed by show of hands. Senator O'Reilly questioned whether this was to be a LSU Baton Rouge campus or an LSU System selection. Senator Cope supported the resolution and suggested that there should be no implication of campus hierarchical status. Senator Skillen suggested additional wording to clarify person should be from one of the campuses of the system. Motion to revise description of representative to be "faculty representative from one of the campuses of the LSU System" passed by show of hands. Senator Delzell supported the resolution and was in favor of inserting wording that the faculty member should not be a current or

former administrator. There was a question of whether this would include former chairs. Senators Peck and Ajmera suggested exclusion of deans or higher. Senator Wascom expressed sympathy for the exclusionary intent but suggested leaving simply "faculty member." Motion to amend resolution with administrative wording failed by show of hands. Senator Perlis suggested wording encouraging early adoption by the legislature. Senator Delzell suggested an amendment that the words "2006 regular session" be added. Motion passed by show of hands. Senator Ajmera asked whether the other LSU campuses have been informed and Daly responded that all campuses have a copy of the resolution. Senator Knapp asked if the resolution was going to the legislature directly. Senator O'Reilly questioned whether this was a new additional position or a designation of an existing position and Daly responded that this was to be a new position. Senator Russo suggested adding wording to the paragraph beginning with the second "whereas" to include "leading edge in scholarship." Senator Gauthier suggested adding "public service" to the same paragraph. Both motions passed by show of hands. Vice-President Crumbley moved for suspension of the rules and called for an immediate vote. Senator Peck seconded the motion for suspension of rules and the amended resolution passed by show of hands.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.