President Cope called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He turned the floor over to Dr. Rasmussen to discuss the Board of Supervisors agenda for the afternoon. Bob stated that the meeting should be short and reminded us that the committee meetings would be followed by the board of supervisors meeting that afternoon and there would not be a meeting on Friday. The only committees reporting today would be the Health Care and Medical Education, the Academic and Student Affairs Achievement and Distinction, the Property and Facilities and the Athletic Committees. Dr. Rasmussen then reminded us that the March meeting would be on March 6-7 and would be at LSU Shreveport. He said that Council members could participate by teleconference if they could not go to Shreveport if they let him know. Kevin polled the council to see who would be traveling to Shreveport and who may need to participate by teleconference. Dennis and Kelly indicated they may need to participate by teleconference. Dr. Rasmussen asked that if anyone wanted to participate by teleconference to be sure and notify him early enough to make arrangements.

Kevin then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Paula moved, seconded by Bernard to accept as corrected (Kelly was omitted as being present and she was at the December meeting). Motion carried unanimously. Kevin was asked about the resignation of Chancellor O’Keefe. Kevin said that from a campus perspective they were surprised and speculation for the resignation abounded from campus to campus. Kevin said that he had sent President Lombardi a letter reviewing the issues brought by the Council to Dr. Lombardi in December. President Lombardi had acknowledged the letter and said that he would respond. Kevin has not received any feedback from Dr. Lombardi yet but would let the Council know of Dr. Lombardi’s response. Kevin said that he had attended a meeting with the LSU Provost where statistics on recruitment were discussed. He said the stats seem to suggest that recruitment pools of campuses within the LSU System appear to be isolated from each other and not competitive. This suggests that the LSU Campuses could work to support each other’s recruitment activities without fearing the loss of potential students to other system campuses. Kevin then asked which Faculty Senates had taken action on a Tuition Waiver proposal and only a few had. He said the Baton Rouge Faculty Senate would be discussing the proposal at their January 23rd meeting. Dennis Paul then asked whether the faculty senates at other campuses were asked to give input to membership on standing committees. Faculty Senates at Baton Rouge, Alexandria, Eunice and the Ag Center all have input to appointments on standing committees. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Members Present: Jerry Whatley, Dennis Paul, Kelly Alig, Kevin Cope, James Robinson, Paula Click Fenter, Bernard Gallagher and guest Dr. Robert Rasmussen.

Respectfully,

Jerry G. Whatley, Secretary