Highlights

1. LSU System President/Interim Chancellor William Jenkins’ report: Chancellor search, new students, new faculty, unintended consequences.
2. Senate President Advokat’s report: improved Senate website, Chancellor search.
3. Election of Senator Andrew Christie (Accounting) as the third at-large member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Preliminary discussion of the September 2 draft of the PS-36 Committee’s proposed new PS-36:

- The Senate’s role in developing PS-36.
- PS-36 will no longer cover Instructors or research-only professors.
- Contents; index; and the rules of a department.
- Collegiality vs. “essential expectations.”
- “Avoidance of disruptive and combative behavior.”
- Elimination of “Notable in at least two of the areas [teaching, research, and service] and satisfactory in the third.”
- Clarification of the right to a peer advisor.
- Adding voting faculty in promotion and tenure decisions.
- Faculty from the LSU Agricultural Center campus voting on tenure cases on the LSU A&M campus.
- Initial appointment and the “tenure clock.”
- Adjustments to the tenure clock.
- Early promotion and tenure reviews.
- An appointment without the terminal degree, as “Acting Assistant Professor.”

At the October 12 Senate meeting, the Senate will begin to consider the (39 + vii) pages of the proposed new PS-36 seriatim; if time allows, the Senate will then vote on 05-01.

5. First reading of a resolution: “Informing faculty of developments regarding PM-35, PS-109, and related issues.” The resolution’s preamble gives a chronology of the 1999 and 2000 versions of PM-35 (which link periodic faculty performance reviews to dismissal proceedings), and of PS-109, as well as the Senate’s various responses to those policies, including Senate Resolutions 00-05, 00-14, and 04-10 (http://senate01.lib.lsu.edu/facsen/Resolutions.html), and a 2003 faculty questionnaire on PM-35, and a 2004 faculty petition on PS-109. The preamble also mentions the formation in 2003 of the Tenure-Restoration Coalition (http://TenureRestoration.org). In conclusion, it is resolved that the Faculty Senate directs the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to continue to keep the Senate and the LSU faculty informed of the status or progress of any actions or developments regarding the issues of PM-35, PS-109, or any other policy affecting the tenure-system at LSU. The resolution will be considered at the October 12 Senate meeting.

6. Discussion of annual reviews (a topic in PS-36) of the academic work of faculty members who are also full-time administrators.