I. Remarks by LSU System President Jenkins
   1. President Jenkins will serve as Interim Chancellor when Chancellor Emmert leaves LSU to become chancellor of the University of Washington.
   2. There will be an extensive national/international search for the new chancellor using an executive search firm. A search committee will be formed that will be as representative and inclusive as possible.
   3. In response to questions, President Jenkins stated that if PM-35 does not fit the culture of LSU, it can be modified; however, there has to be some form of post-tenure review process and he will not back away from that stand.
   4. An open letter was presented to President Jenkins requesting that during these restrictive budgetary times no new administrative positions be created and that there be no administrative raises until the budgetary conditions improve.

II. Remarks by Andy Kopplin, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor.
   1. Governor Blanco understands the importance of LSU and the Flagship Agenda and does not want to be personally involved in the selection of the chancellor.
   2. Governor Blanco has submitted a standstill budget, with no funds requested to cover inflationary costs and other mandates. Higher education has $35 to $40 million in costs that are not covered in the budget; however, if additional monies become available, the Blanco Administration priorities are $40 million for higher education, $22 million for K-12 and $30 to $40 million for health care funding.

III. Provost Palm announced that the speaker at May Commencement will be George W. Bush, President of the United States.

IV. President’s Report
   1. President McGehee requested that faculty continue to send nominees for the Chancellor Search Committee to him including those of other constituencies (off-campus individuals in business etc.). Also all faculty ranks should be represented.
   2. A meeting is scheduled with Vice President of Academic Affairs for the LSU System, Carolyn Hargrave on PM-35, to determine the system’s position.

III. Old Business
   1. Senate Resolution 04-11 Admission Requirement of ACT/SAT Essays. Was read a second time. The second paragraph was changed to accurately reflect the companies that administer the ACT and the SAT. The resolution passed unanimously.
   2. A progress report by the PS-36 Committee was presented by President McGehee.
   3. The ASH Committee Report on Grading Patterns was postponed to a future meeting.