HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty Senate Meeting

December 4, 2003

I. Minutes of the November 7, 2003 Faculty Senate Meeting approved with correction of wording to SR04-01 to include the words "upper division" in final paragraph.

II. Remarks from Chancellor Mark Emmert * a verbatim accounting of Chancellor Emmert*s remarks are included in the complete text of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes found on the Faculty Senate website under "Minutes".

Topics included:

A. Bringing into alignment LSU*s human and financial and physical resources with it*s enrollment including the mix of undergraduate and graduate enrollments.

B. Freshman applications up 35 or 36%; pool of students is academically stronger; regionally more diverse (35% non-resident applicant pool compared to 30% last year); ended up with about 20% non-resident and 80% resident applicants.

C. University needing a more geographically diverse set of students.

D. Residency status and TOPS scholarships; tuition policy issue.

E. Brainstorming ideas on how to keep LSU graduates working in-state after graduation.

F. PM-35.

G. Gubernatorial transition.

H. Foundation of Excellence Program and emphasis of certain areas within the university.

I. Fielded multiple questions and comments from Senators.

III. Report from President Carruth McGehee

A. Faculty Council count and Faculty Senate representation for next Spring*s election.
B. Mail ballot on the Constitutional Amendment (SR 04-03) will be sent out the first day of classes in the Spring.

C. Additional information on the high drop rate at LSU is being sought.

D. Problems with/Matters of Blackboard at LSU.

E. Shared comments regarding Instructor Policy, Criteria for Promotion stated in

PS-36, and LSU System Standard CV format.

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IV. Introduction and Discussion of SR 04-05 Dean*s List and Chancellor*s Honor Roll

* presented by Committee on Admissions, Standards, and Honors (Karen Denby and Vince Wilson).