Highlights from Faculty Senate Meetings

May 7 and May 15, 2003

SR03-09 Proposed Guidelines for Faculty Evaluation of Administrators was approved by the Senate. This policy statement, if approved by the administration, describes how faculty input will be used in evaluations of administrators with faculty rank and/or those that supervise academic units. The policy statement was developed by a committee composed of Paul Hoffman (chair), Barbara Apostolou, William Demastes, Dominique Homberger, Neil Kestner, Andy Maverick, and Janie Frickie (ex officio).

The Senate voted to have the Faculty Council vote on SR03-10 (PS-36 Addendum, Sections A, B, C). The addendum describes the review and remediation processes for tenured faculty and provides campus procedures to implement the LSU System's PM-35. The addendum was amended so that three consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations would be needed to trigger peer review (and possibly remediation) instead of PM-35's two consecutive or three out of five unsatisfactory annual evaluations. Another change is that the addendum would apply only to faculty hired after 1/1/2004 and those who wish to be covered by the addendum. The PS-36 committee is composed of Carruth McGehee (chair), Emily Batinski, Lou Day, Rick Ortner, Jim Richardson, Roger Seals, Roger Stockbauer, Jill Suitor, and Janie Frickie (ex officio).

Results of elections: New members of the Grievance Committee are Don Kraft, Nina Lam, Joseph Ricapito, and Claire Advokat (alternate). New members of the Review and Long-Range Planning Committee are Tom Lynch and Ann Martin. Claire Advokat and Lori Bade will represent the Senate at the annual Council of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU) next year. Jim Richardson and Nick Apostolou will be the new members of the Budget Committee.

The Board of Regents (BOR) is developing a new formula for funding higher education in Louisiana. The Faculty Senate approved a letter from President Anderson to Commissioner Savoie asking that two LSU faculty, Tom Lynch and James Richardson, serve on the BOR committee developing and evaluating a new funding model and asks that data relevant to developing and evaluating funding formulas be provided on the BOR website.