Highlights from Faculty Senate Meeting
September 3, 2003

CHANCELLOR EMMERT SHARED COMMENTS FOCUSING ON THE ISSUES WHICH LIE BEFORE LSU: upcoming faculty forums to answer questions and address issues related to PS 109; processing of grant contracts being streamlined; indirect cost fund return being increased from 10% to 15% and research travel funds will be raised through the office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Kevin Smith; LSU likely be able to fund 30 new faculty positions, continued graduate student support, and faculty raises; state*s budget is likely to be in a large deficit; encouraged faculty to involved in the upcoming Governor*s race and being aggressive in requesting help from the Governor for LSU; desire for a large-scale infusion of capital spending on the LSU campus; continuing concern by people regarding jobs and out ability to employ students in our state after they graduate; desire for devising strategies to create jobs in Louisiana.

PROVOST RISA PALM SHARED HER IDEAS FOR LSU: Flagship Agenda is critical; involving, developing a culture and environment that supports a research intensive institution; increased breadth, depth, and quality of both undergraduate and graduate programs at the university; Provost*s goals emphasize the need to be concerned with the "perceived view" of LSU nationally * the perceived quality of education; Provost*s message today that LSU has a vital role in the state, and can and should provide greater leadership in the nation; Provost*s job is to help faculty, chairs, and deans to work together to reach these goals through budget enhancement, systems that encourage the best possible expenditure of the money we have, and active promotion of a variety of ideas that let us make significant progress.

PRESIDENT CARRUTH McGEHEE*S REPORT: will establish a website for updated reports on the progress in implementing Faculty Senate Resolutions; sense of Senate at the May meeting that the matter of PM-35 and so forth should be subject of direct communication between administration and faculty; events planned for questions and answers regarding PS-109 * panel discussion with AAUP, "town meetings" with the Chancellor/Provost on Oct. 7th and Oct. 15th in Campbell Auditorium; and PS-109 Advisory Board being established for overseeing all PM35 processes on campus.

ELECTIONS: Senator Kathy O*Reilly was elected to be the new At-Large Member to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC); Senator Bill Daly was elected as the Alternate for the Grievance Committee.

RESOLUTIONS: SR03-11 * Guidelines and Recommendations for Establishing Criteria for Awarding Merit and Equity Raises, authored by Paul Bell was PASSED; SR03-12 * Analyses of LSU Salary Data, authored by Paul Bell FAILED; and SR03-13 * Posting Faculty Salaries on the Web, authored by Paul Bell was PASSED