MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING APRIL 10, 1991

President Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Jorge Aravena (International Education Committee), Executive Vice Chancellor J. M. Coleman, Rita Culross (ACE Fellow), Nathan Gottfried (Chair, General Education Committee), Carruth McGehee (Admission, Standards, and Honors Committee), Dean Larry Pierce (Education), and press representatives Scott Dyer, Robert Wolf, and Clancy Seilau.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1991. There being no additions of corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report. "The status of the Admissions Policy changes passed at the last Senate meeting." The Board of Supervisors has appointed a sub-committee to work with the faculty and administration of LSU to take an overall look at our policy. This includes longer range possibilities. President Kinney feels that the Board is very supportive of increased admission requirements for the near future. A subcommittee of ASH (4 members), Vice-Chancellor Hargrave, and President Kinney will meet with the Board Sub-committee later this month to begin a dialogue.

"Status of PS-36." The Executive Committee met with Vice-Chancellor Hargrave in a marathon session to review every comment received from the LSU community regarding the draft document. A few changes were made based upon this input. However, no substantive changes were made. A Resolution will be introduced today calling for approval of these final adjustments. Unfortunately, the final copy is not quite ready and will be mailed to the Senators within about 10 days. During the marathon session, a number of ideas of concern expressed via the Senators input were identified as needing further study. They agreed that it was important to get the new version in place now and address the remaining issues later.

Petitions for the "Fee Waiver Plan" will be sent to most all departments to be posted for your signature.

3. Address by Executive Vice-Chancellor Coleman. "University Committees." Executive Vice-Chancellor Coleman spoke on the outcome of the Legislatures budget for higher education and the part that will effect LSU. The renewal of the sales tax will keep LSU from having to make large cuts, but they will not be able to meet deferred maintenance needs. The proposed raises for faculty will be of 5%, but not for administrators. They have not yet defined what level of administration this will effect. For LSU to stay on track to reach SREB in three years, faculty raises should be between 5 and 9%. This is 4.5 mil higher than '91. This represents a standstill budget since the extra 4.5 mil is earmarked for increases such as to upgrade positions, wages, postage, social security on student wages and decreases in interest rates from bond sales and enrollment. People who requested computers on the bond money should be able to order them soon. Purchases will be restricted to those on state contract.

4. Address by Dean Larry Pierce. "Search process for Provost" Dean Pierce stated that the Search Committee members are: Dr. Ralph Christy (Agricultural Economics), Dr. Carol Foul (Veterinary Clin. Science), Dr. Bill Briese (School of Music), Dean David Harned (College of Arts & Sciences), Dr. Katharine Hirschboeck (Geog. & Anthropology), Dr. Mary Frances Hopkins (Speech/Communication), Dr. James Pruett (Quantitative Bus. Analysis), Dr. Karl Roeder (History), Dr. Art Sterling (Engineering), Dr. Joel Tohts (Physics & Astronomy), Dr. Bill Patrick (Wetland Resources), Ms. Debbie Miller, and Ms. Ingrid Bradford. The committee has been meeting twice a week, their moral is good. They have received 145 nominations and 40 applications and expect up to 100. They hope to have 20 finalists by the middle of May when they will start screening applicants.

5. Election of the officers and Executive Committee members of the 1991-92 Faculty Senate. (Nominations will be accepted from the floor)

President. Nominated was William Culbertson. There were no nominations from the floor. William Culbertson was elected by acclamation.

Vice-President. Nominated were Robert Gambrell and Norma Martin. There were no nominations from the floor. Norma Martin was elected.

Secretary. Nominated was Margaret Parker. There were no nominations from the floor. Margaret Parker was elected by acclamation.

Members at Large. Nominated were James Keisler, William Kelse, John Wefel. Robert Gambrell was nominated from the floor. Robert Gambrell and James Keisler were elected.

6. Acceptance of Faculty Senate Committee Reports. A motion by Senate Martin to accept the Reports collectively was made, seconded, and passed.

Faculty Senate Report No. 90-1, Committee on Student Aid and Scholarship
90-2, Committee on Review and Long-Range Planning
90-3, Committee on Recycling
90-4, Committee on Admissions, Standards, and Honors
7. Old Business  Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 90-9 (colleges within LSU be allowed greater flexibility in the application of transfer courses to meet gen-ed requirements). Senator Remberger offered an amended resolution.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-9 (amended)

WHEREAS, LSU A & M is the major state university in Louisiana and is both a land grant and sea grant institution as well as a Research I University in the Carnegie Classification, and

WHEREAS, LSU A & M has strengthened its undergraduate education by implementing a General Education Requirement, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of LSU A & M and of the educational system in Louisiana to encourage the most capable students to transfer to LSU to take advantage of its distinctive programs, particularly from two-year campuses, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the students and of the educational system in Louisiana to keep the total time a student spends in undergraduate studies within reasonable limits, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of transfer students and of the educational system in Louisiana to permit students to transfer to LSU as many credit hours earned at their previous institutions as possible, and

WHEREAS, the present catalog establishing the equivalency among the various courses taught at LSU and at sister institutions is outdated, and

WHEREAS, the matriculation of transfer students at LSU has declined sharply in recent years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee be established, consisting of representatives of the Office of Academic Affairs and of the various academic units of LSU A & M, to revise and update, in collaboration with representatives of the sister institutions, the equivalency among the courses taught at LSU and at sister Institutions.

Dean Langlinais gave a slide presentation showing the loss of transfer students because the GED requirement were not similar to the requirements of the school they just left. There was a discussion concerning the loss of international students and transfer students. Senator Bourgeois offered an additional "Therefore"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee should also give consideration to special problems arising from potential conflicts between LSU's General Education requirements and recommendations of National accreditation boards.

There was more discussion. A vote was taken and the addition failed to pass. There was a vote and 90-9 (amended version) failed to pass. After more discussion, there was a vote on the original version of 90-9 and it failed to pass.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Faculty Senate Resolution 90-10 and 90-11 (concerning international education) by the subcommittee on International Exchange Programs and the Faculty Senate Committee on International Education.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-10

WHEREAS, one of the goals for LSU and A&M College as the 21st century nears is to achieve recognition as a truly outstanding institution, and

WHEREAS, U.S. policies towards educational exchanges will become less geared to a cold war mentality and more toward the solution of the major transnational, global problems which increasingly affect the well-being of the U.S. and threaten economic growth and political stability worldwide, and

WHEREAS, the problems of population growth, poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation in many geographic regions of the world are becoming so urgent in an increasingly interdependent world, the developed nations will have little choice but to give priority to these issues and their impact on the financial, social, and educational aspects, and

WHEREAS, the stated commitments to coordinate, assemble campus wide talents and resources in international education, research, and service exchanges, provide and institute a structure for, and provide a foundation for leadership in internationalization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the university administration provide a clear statement to address the recruitment, encouragement, participation, and evaluation of faculty and staff who do serve and are involved internationally in education, research, and service to the community, and for those faculty and staff who desire to participate or become involved in these activities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a policy statement that outlines the mechanisms, evaluation procedures and other relevant issues be prepared by the university administration and disseminated to the faculty and staff. It is imperative that this policy statement make it clear that "international activity by faculty or staff be an integral part of normal evaluation procedures for selection, retention, promotion, and tenure."
FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-11

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University's mission to attract and retain meritorious undergraduates has been endorsed and expanded by the Board of Supervisor's resolution adopted December 7, 1990, and

WHEREAS, the resolution specifically encourages selection of awards for students who will strengthen LSU's cultural diversity and improve international awareness, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University has delegated to the Faculty Senate Committee on International Education the selection of tuition exemption scholarships for undergraduate international students, and

WHEREAS, the LSU's Faculty Senate Committee on International Education currently nominates five international students for Honor Scholarships for Non-Residents, and has demonstrated ability to organize a scholarship selection system which results in qualified and deserving nominees, and

WHEREAS, the procedures established for the implementation of the Board of Supervisor's resolution of December 7, 1990 designate the Director of Student Aid and Scholarship as responsible for the selection/retention criteria for the awards, with consultation to the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommend to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

1. establishing as one standard of this scholarships program the offering of 30 percent, or more of the non-resident awards to meritorious non-resident international undergraduate students

2. giving to the Faculty Senate Committee on International Education the responsibility of overseeing the achievement of the aforementioned standard, and of unifying the valuation of international applicants for the Non-Resident Fee Exemption awards;

3. increasing to ten the Honor Scholarships for Non-Residents nominated by the Committee on International Education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Committee on International Education coordinate its responsibilities with the Office of Student Aid and Scholarships, the International Student Office, and the Office of Admissions.

There was a discussion. Dr. Aravena (member of the International Education Committee) spoke on the background and reasons for the Resolutions. There was a vote, and Faculty Senate Resolutions 90-10 and 90-11 were accepted to be voted on at the May meeting.

Faculty Senate Resolution 90-12 was presented

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-12

WHEREAS, the scope and depth of the University has changed over the past decade, and

WHEREAS, one of the most important faculty decisions is appointment, tenure, and/or promotion, and

WHEREAS, PS-36 has not been updated since 1980;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the revised and improved PS-36 (version 4) be accepted and promulgated for appointment, tenure, and/or promotion decisions effective immediately.

There was a discussion and vote. Faculty Senate Resolution 90-13 was accepted and will be voted on at the May meeting.
Senator Homberger offered Faculty Senate Resolution 90-13 for consideration.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-13

WHEREAS, LSU is the major state university in Louisiana and is both a land grant and a sea grant institution as well as a Research 1 University in the Carnegie classification, and

WHEREAS, LSU has the mission to provide the best education possible to the citizens of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Davis has called for increased attention to be given to the teaching mission of LSU, and

WHEREAS, the new PS-36 acknowledges the importance of teaching ability and teaching performance as a component determining promotion and tenure of the faculty, and

WHEREAS, LSU has had a long-standing policy of monitoring the teaching performance of its faculty on the basis of a variety of criteria, such as peer review, exit evaluation, evaluation by alumni, etc., and

WHEREAS, there is a nationwide interest in teaching evaluation procedures as part of an effort to improve college education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee, consisting of representatives of the faculty and the Office of Academic Affairs, be established to study how teaching performance is evaluated at other major research institutions and whether particular evaluation procedures are better than others, and to report their findings to the Faculty Senate with recommendations regarding the teaching evaluation procedures at LSU.

There was a discussion and vote. Faculty Senate Resolution 90-13 was accepted and will be voted on at the May meeting.

There being no further business, President Kinney adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting will be May 2 in the Atchafalaya Room of the Union at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sam Feagley, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) (+ proxy)


PROXIES: Senator Weintraub for Senator Keisler  Senator Normand for Senator Catano  George Strain for Senator Hirabinik  Senator Godwin for Senator Lawrence

Dr. Schiebout for Senator Neuman  Senator Hillmann for Senator Doo-Young Cho  Senator Herlinger for Senator Campbell

Ralph Portier  Gene Reagan  Miles Richardson  L. Leslie Rosso  Peter Soderbergh  L. Lee Southern  Neal Stoltzfus  Harriet Taylor  Charles Teddile  Joel Tohline  Emily Toth  Suzanne Turner  John Wefel  Steven Weintraub  James Werbel  James Wharton