MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING DECEMBER 10, 1984

ATTENDEES: (✓ present) (✓ present)

Patricia McRae
Patricia Robinson
Curt Amidon
Edith Albin
Carol Bledsoe
John Baker
Judy Bunkston
Bob Birkett
Thomas Clark
Meridian Blackwell
Michael Baugh
S. St. John
Michael Burnett
J. Allen Carter
Freda Chalut
Mark Collins
David Callow
Daniel Kyle
Harvey Hamann
Patrick Lipsett
Daniel Littlefield
Joe Mezey
O. Carruth McGehee
Robert Martin
Richard Marcon
Robert O'Connell
Margaret Parker
Paul Papkeff
Kenneth Price
John Pennypacker
Geoffrey Price
Suzanne Pucel
Gene Reagan

PROXIES:

Senator Gulledge for Senator Dobray
Senator Price for Senator Triviss
Senator Fogel for Senator Bankston
Kaylene Long for Senator Babin

Senator McGee for Senator Carter
Mark Zucker for Senator Daugherty
Senator Cough for Senator Reagan

President Paxton called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and welcomed Wayne Gauthier, Harry Richardson, Kevin Ward, and press representatives Carl Redman, and Clancy Soileau.

Parliamentarian for the meeting was Senator Linnartz

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1984

Senator McGee presented a correction to Item 3., starting on line 4 and continuing till end. "There was a lengthy discussion in which two friendly amendments or changes were introduced. Senator Balner suggested not deleting 'or equivalent' on line one. Senator Graves suggested changing 'one academic year' on line 21 to 'two consecutive regular semesters.' Both of these suggestions were accepted by Senator Arnas as friendly amendments. After more discussion, Senator McGehee moved and Senator Fogel seconded a motion to delete both the third and fourth paragraphs and replace them with one paragraph: 'Petitions for sabbatical leave are initiated at the department level during the fall semester. Each petitioner will be notified of the final decision by December 31.' The motion passed. A motion to accept the Sabbatical Leave Report with the three amendments (two of which were friendly) was made by Senator McGee, seconded by Senator Bankston, and passed."

2. President's Report

The Tax Sheltered Annuities seminar that was organized by Senator Cordell was a success. It was well attended, well presented, and very informative.

President Paxton will meet with Vice-Chancellor Ortega (Business Affairs) and Director Martin (Physical Plant) to discuss Faculty Senate Resolution 84-4 (concerning poor building and grounds maintenance). He will also try to have an administrative officer speak on this subject at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Chancellor Wharton and Vice-Chancellor Hargrave are to be thanked for sponsoring the coffee that was served at the TSA seminar and also all of the Faculty Forum meetings.

3. Report on "Quest for Quality"-Vice-Chancellor Sean McGlynn

Dr. McGlynn informed the faculty of the Louisiana Technology Quest. Part of this quest will involve a survey of all universities and industries in Louisiana for possible new technological advances which can be patented or copyrighted. He urged all faculty members to share their efforts and hoped LSU would have a favorable showing on this survey. Control Data Corp., World Tech will conduct this survey. He informed the faculty that LSU has profitied from ventures such as these in the past; for example, LSU efforts initiated Acadian Processors Inc. and Embryo Manipulation. Dr. McGlynn stressed that faculty activities in the area of technological development are important both to LSU and to the future economic development of Louisiana. He discussed the new responsibilities of his office which will handle patents, copyrights, licenses, etc. Harry Richardson will be coordinator of technology transfer at LSU and as such will be in charge of these aspects of the Office of Research.
Dr. Siegel spoke on the progress of the Office of Academic Development and the direction it will
go. He will serve as director through the spring semester while the search for a permanent
director is in progress. The workshop on testing and grading was well attended and the comments
were favorable. A leaflet showing the workshops scheduled for the spring semester and a form for
preregistering was sent to all faculty. With the Improvement of Instruction Committee (Wayne
Gauthier), the OAD is preparing a Handbook of Teaching Tips for new faculty members and TA’s.
Dr. Siegel talked about the class for foreign teaching assistants to help them learn about the
American culture, language, ways, etc. that will be held this summer for 6 hours credit, 80 class
hours, with stipend.

5. Report by the Improvement of Instruction Committee--Kaylene Long, Chairman  Dr. Long
spoke on the need to recognize and stress quality teaching and give it equal weight in the decision
making process in granting promotion or tenure. She presented a draft resolution and asked to
have it discussed so that quality instruction would be fostered and rewarded. A motion to accept
the draft resolution and put it on the Agenda of the January meeting was made by Senator Collins,
seconded by Senator Stanley, and passed. A friendly amendment was offered by Senator Fogel and
accepted by Senators Collins and Stanley that would change the wording of the beginning of the
third paragraph to "The quality of undergraduate and graduate education and teaching...." There
was a lengthy discussion that included comments as: LSU expects all teaching to be excellent; good
teaching is linked to good research; teaching should be assessed by students, tenured faculty, and
department heads to get a true picture of the quality; that the goals of good teaching and imple-
tentation should be separated. Senator Linnarts suggested that the draft be revised, taking into
consideration the comments that were made at the meeting. The resolution will be reviewed by the
Improvement of Instruction committee and brought before the Senate at the January meeting for
final consideration.

6. Old Business  There was no old business.

7. New Business
Senator McGehee brought to the Senators' attention an instructional booklet being sent
to high schools, entitled "High School Preparation for Universities Studies" showing English and
Mathematics needed for university preparation. Those wanting copies should contact Senator McGehee.

A motion to limit outside speakers at Faculty Senate meetings to 5 minutes without
prior approval by the Senate was made by Senator Price, seconded by Senator Lipscomb, and failed.

There being no further business, President Paxton wished all a Merry Christmas and adjourned the
meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lea McGee, Secretary