HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACULTY SENATE MEETING

December 3, 1999

Chancellor's Comments

1. Facilities Master Plan
2. Relationship between Athletic and Academic Excellence

Provost's Comments

1. Provost's Seminar on Advancement of Undergraduate Education

SR 00-02

1. Fourth reading of resolution endorsing the proposed Dismissal for Cause Policy

SR 00-06

1. First reading of resolution commending Ralph Kinney; the resolution was read, voted on and passed

Faculty Senate Minutes

December 3, 1999

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm. Invited guests included Chancellor Mark Emmert, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost Dan Fogel, Vice-Provost Neil Mathews, Janie Frickie (Academic Affairs/Human Resource Management), and Sara Bongiorni (LSU University Relations). Proxies were announced. November 11 minutes were approved as read.
Chancellor’s Comments. Chancellor Emmert discussed the plans of the 75th Anniversary Jubilee to provide a legacy for the next 75 years in the form of a facilities master plan and announced that a consulting team will be formed to develop such a plan for the campuses of Louisiana State University. The consulting team will include representatives from all key constituencies and will be in place in March 2000. The Chancellor then discussed his view of the relationship between athletic and academic excellence. He noted that, to achieve academic excellence, it is necessary for the university to “tell our story” as widely as possible. If we are clever, we can use that attention given to athletic excellence to advance LSU as an academic institution.

Provost’s Comments. Provost Fogel noted that the Provost’s Seminar on the Advancement of Undergraduate Education, held on Tuesday, November 30, was a very productive session. The seminar focused on issues affecting the intellectual climate for undergraduates. Possible strategies that were discussed included block scheduling of cohorts and a requirement that all freshmen live on campus. The Provost stated that at least two faculty members from each department with an undergraduate minor attended the seminar and noted that this is the first time, in his memory, that there has been a campus-wide dialog about creating excellence for undergraduate education.

President’s Report. President Cherry briefly described the four resolutions on the meeting agenda. She reminded senators that they had received copies of all suggested amendments to the proposed Dismissal for Cause Policy, and that the senate would be voting on each amendment separately.

SR 00-06, Resolution Commending Ralph Kinney (complete text attached). Presented by Pratul Ajmera. Senator Ajmera said that it has been an honor for him to know Ralph Kinney. He stated that Dr. Kinney has inspired many people on campus to become active and involved members of the university community. The resolution was then read into the record. Senator Deis moved to suspend the rules so that the resolution could be voted on immediately. The motion carried. Senator Stanley moved to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded, and the resolution passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SR 00-02, Endorsement of Proposed Dismissal for Cause Policy. Presented by James Garand. Senator Garand read the resolution and moved that the senate begin considering the proposed amendments. The motion carried. The senate then discussed and voted on 29 individual amendments to the proposed policy. It was moved that a clean copy of the proposed policy, incorporating the changes made during this meeting, be distributed to senators and that a vote on the resolution be postponed to the January meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made to table all remaining agenda items until the January meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
Committee Reports. None.

Old Business. None.

New Business. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barry, Secretary

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