MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1989

President Purtle called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Kris Belyus, Martha Collins, Dan Fogel, Kurt P. Grund, Laura Lemone, Carruth McGehee, Morgan Stewart, Danneli Yannitelli, and press representatives Patrick Bonin, and Karen Didier.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 17, 1989
   There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report

   Retirement: A major effort is underway to get legislative approval to offer TIAA-CREFF as an optional retirement plan for college and university faculty in Louisiana. Vice-Chancellor Baudin, Judge Carlos Spaght (local attorney for TIAA), TIAA representatives, and President Purtle are working on this effort.

   There will probably be a major revision in the state retirement system within 2 years that will result in reduced benefits for the employees. Persons in the current systems will be grandfathered in, but all new hires will be in a different plan. President Purtle was allowed to speak at a retirement subcommittee of a Commission on Benefits for State Employees that was appointed by the governor and chaired by State Treasurer Mary Landrieu, about treating higher education needs separately from the public education system. They were receptive.

   An ad-hoc committee on Admissions Standards --William Lane, Chairman (Finance), Hugh Buckingham (Linguistics), Bill Davidson (Geography/Anthropology), Glady's Hildreth (Home Economics), Daniel Yannitelli (Mechanical Engineering), Dean David Harnd (Arts and Sciences), and Carruth McGehee, ex-officio (Dean of Academic Services) has been appointed and given the following charge: To review, clarify, and recommend any needed changes in the educational requirements and admissions procedures as they are described on pages 30 and 31 of the 1988-89 General Catalog. Bill Lane requests input from all members of the faculty. If you have comments or suggestions, send them to Dr. Lane immediately. Their recommendations must be presented to the Senate at the March meeting. The report must go to the Board of Supervisors prior to their April meeting.

   Chancellor Bogue has verified that raise data will be made available as requested by Resolution 88-1.

3. Interim report on the Committee of the Status of Women (Martha Collins and Dan Fogel, co-chairmen) Dr Collins stated that there were 898 faculty responses (63.5%) to the survey conducted last spring. The Committee plans to present an analysis of salary data and provide a procedure for the university to consider in conducting an annual review of salary discrepancies at the March Senate meeting. At the April meeting they will present findings from the survey. The analysis will cover seven areas—climate for women on campus, equal opportunity, opportunities for leadership roles on campus, allocation of resources and research support, hiring and pay equity, workload, and family concerns. Recommendations will be presented, some in the form of resolutions, that may be voted on at the May meeting.

4. Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 88-11 (proposes scholastic probation for senior college students whose grade point average is below 2.8)
   There was a discussion. The question was called and Faculty Senate Resolution 88-11 passed.

5. Old Business
   There was no old business.

6. New Business
   Senator Newman presented Faculty Senate Resolution 88-13

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 88-13

WHEREAS, certain concerns, originating from several sources, regarding student admissions policy were brought to the attention of the Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate unanimously passed a Resolution establishing an ad-hoc Committee to inquire into these matters, and

WHEREAS, the ad-hoc Committee produced a carefully worded and well constructed consensus report of great value to the Faculty Senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professors Grace F. Amborski, Alan Fletcher, Ronald J. Henry, Robert F. O’Connell, and William A. Porter, members of the ad-hoc Committee on the Academic Decision Process, be highly commended for their professional execution of this difficult task.

There was a discussion. A friendly amendment to term the Resolution Minor and voted on at this time was accepted by Senator Newman. A vote was taken and Faculty Senate Resolution 88-13 passed.
New Business continued

Senator Foli offered Faculty Senate Resolution 88-14

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 88-14

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate has received the report of the ad-hoc Committee on the Academic Decision Process, and

WHEREAS, among the several issues investigated by this committee was the action of the Graduate Council in approving, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, a Graduate School Policy on Academic Dishonesty, and

WHEREAS, this policy decision was declared null and void by former Chancellor Wharton, partly on the basis of the fact that the Graduate Council is not a representative body of the faculty, and

WHEREAS, the structure of the Graduate Council is determined by the Board of Supervisors (Regulations, Part II, Chap. 1, Sections 1 - 2.7), and

WHEREAS, the ad-hoc Committee proposed in Structural Resolution No. 2 of their report that the Graduate Council continue to exercise, as it has done traditionally, de facto representation of the faculty in graduate affairs, and

WHEREAS, the matter of representation of the Graduate Faculty should be rightfully resolved by the Graduate Faculty as a whole;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends that the issue of the role and method of selection of the Graduate Council as a body representing the Graduate Faculty be referred to the Graduate Council for consideration and submission to the next Graduate Faculty meeting for a vote.

There was a lengthy discussion. A motion to accept Faculty Senate Resolution 88-14 for a final vote at the March meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

There being no further business, President Purtle adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be March 16, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Kinney, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) (*) proxy)

Grace Amborski
William Amnconeault
Rhonda Atkinson
Mary Balthazar
Pantnea Broughton
John Caprio
George Catalano
Frank Chaffin
Russell Chapman
Doo-Yon Cho
Irene Di Maio
Suzanne Dorman
Made Dorman
Greenda Doily
Sam Feagley
Marion Fletcher
Carol Foli

Lane Foli
Michelle Gallrich
Michael Grimes
Robert Groden
Hilton Hallman
Robert Housey
Richard Haymarker
Jan Herlinger
Douglas Holt
Tom Hossie
David Johnson
Seth Johnson
Deborah Kemp
Gerald Kennedy
Ralph Kinney
David Kirshner
Bonnie Konopak
William Lane
Frances Lawrence
David Longstreh
Robert McElhenney
Michelle Masse
Neil Mathews
James Miller
Teresa Monger
Gary Moore
Robert Newman
Wayne Parent
Anna Parrault
Michael Pitts
Jack Poppin
Ralph Portier
Virginia Purtle
Melvin Richardson
Douglas Rossman
Hilton Rush
Karun Sankupta
Christopher Soufas
Lee Southern
Neal Stoltz
Lethahn Stott
Harriet Taylor
Noel Tohilin
Lonnie Vanderweer
Danny Wallace
Charles Wilson
Vernon Wright
Adam Yuce
Selma Zebouni

PROXIES: Senator Kinney for Senator Monger
Senator Zebouni for Senator Di Maio
Senator Tohilin for Senator Haymaker
Senator Broughton for Senator S. Dorman
Senator Richardson for Senator W. Dorman

Senator Gallrich for Holt
Senator Newman for Senator Lane
Senator Newman for Senator Kemp
John Jones for Senator Rush