Faculty Senate Meeting
February 17, 1994

Dr. Alice B. Collier, Chair

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Collier at 3:09 pm.

Senator Uzzzo moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting; Senator Kinney seconded the motion, which was approved.

II. Visitors
Visitors included Dan Fogel (Dean, Graduate School), Adrienne Credeur (LSU Today), Bob Doolas (Records & Registration), Randy Gurie (Rekindle Campaign), October Ivins (Chair, Faculty Personnel Policies Committee), and Stephen Moret (President, Student Senate).

III. Visitor Presentations
Randy Gurie, head of the Rekindle the Spirit Campaign, spoke on current and planned Campaign activities. He cited accomplishments to date, both from Rekindle and other University efforts: reforms in undergraduate education, strengthened admission requirements, classroom improvements, and adoption of buildings and grounds, which is just starting. Upcoming and continuing efforts include painting classrooms, buildings and grounds, and endowing of campus live oaks. Protection of campus oaks, which have a 60-70 year life span, requires considerable funds, which are not available from University resources. In addition, marketing of LSU license plates, which provide funds for scholarships, will continue. Gurie requested faculty help through support, input, involvement, and contributions.

Senator de Caro asked how LSU is marketed to the people of the state. Gurie replied that we have not made as good an effort as we could have but they are trying to find better approaches. He mentioned the Rekindle subcommittee on marketing chaired by Daryl McKee, which is working in this area. Senator Uzzzo pointed out that public relations activity is not needed in the Baton Rouge area, but in Alexandria, Shreveport, and other parts of the state. Senator Daly pointed out that our publications have too much emphasis on athletics and not enough on academics.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.
President's Report

President Collier reported on responses from Forrest Benedict of HRM on university procedures for administrative searches. These are governed by PM 55, an LSU System document. Collier read relevant passages from the document and pointed out that the Board of Supervisors can make exceptions to their own documents.

President Collier reported on a meeting of the Executive Committee with Vice Chancellor Baudin, who related budget proposals of the Board of Regents. These include an average faculty raise of 5% and funds that possibly could restore the $45 million cut from last year's budget. Baudin interceded with state retirement systems office to improve the speed of payout of Optional Retirement Program payments after being notified of delay problems. Vice Chancellor Jenkins informed the Executive Committee that sabbatical recommendations are now with the System Office and that he is currently reviewing promotion and tenure recommendations, which should go to the Board for approval at the April meeting. The Executive Committee has begun review of PS 36, looking for inconsistencies and ambiguities. The Executive Committee and Academic Affairs have begun revision and updating of the Faculty Handbook; we will review the Senate Constitution and Bylaws.

The University Strategic Planning Committee is beginning to develop assessment methods for determining achievement of the established plans and goals. Faculty representatives on the Strategic Planning Committee are: Tommy Beard (Chair, SACS Steering Committee), Alme Dawson (SLIS), Billie Collier (Senate), Jay Geaghan (Exp Stat), Roy Goodrich (Review & Long-Range Planning Com), Doug Harrison (Chem Eng), Tom Klei (Vet Sci), Michelle Masse (Women & Gender Studies), Daryl McKee (Marketing), Loren Scott (Economics), Harold Silverman (Chair, SACS Institutional Effectiveness Com), and Joel Tohline (Physics, Committee Coordinator).

The Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities will meet at Southern New Orleans March 10-11; elected representatives are Senators Elsie Hebert (Mass Comm) and Bob Grodner (Food Sci). Senator George Strain will represent LSU at the spring meeting of the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates, which follows the CLCU meeting; he will report to them the activities of the Accountability Committee. Future Senate guests will be Commissioner of Higher Education Larry Crain (March) and Representative Yvonne Dorsey (April).

Other Reports

Senator Strain reported the background of the Louisiana Accountability in Public Higher Education Advisory Committee and the activities of the Subcommittee on Teaching, Research, and Service, on which he represents Louisiana faculty. A series of questions were formulated by the Committee to answer queries often voiced by legislators; subcommittees were then established to compose answers. The TRS Subcommittee produced a draft report in response to a call from new Commissioner of Higher Education Crane which is available to faculty on request, the Executive Committee has provided suggested changes for incorporation in the final report. Some of the questions are currently unanswerable, so questionnaires have been formulated for data collection from campus administrations. In addition, faculty in the future will be annually requested to complete a short form listing average weekly hours spent in areas of teaching, research, and service, to provide continuing data on faculty activities; the report recommends faculty approval of the final questionnaire before implementation. The latest version of the Senate Workload Document, which was distributed, will be included as an appendix to the Accountability final report, and excerpts have been included in the TRS report. Since the Executive Committee considers the Workload Document to be finalized, Strain moved acceptance of this report by the Senate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Vice President Catano reported on activities of the Council of Policy Committees. The date for reporting has been changed to April 4 and some units are already finished. Progress of various colleges in the Programmatic Planning process was reported.

A draft 1995-1996 calendar proposed by the University Calendar Committee was distributed for information. The committee is chaired by Pat Culbertson (Econ) and includes Paul Lee (Chair, ASH) and Robert Doolos (Records & Regis).

Old Business

Senate Resolution 93-03 (National search to fill all critical positions) was brought to the floor. With no discussion the resolution was unanimously passed.

New Business

A question raised by a memo from Frances Roper (distributed) concerning the application of the recently approved Senate action on the Concentrated Study Period (Dead Week) to the long Summer School session was discussed. Proposed wording for inclusion in the Summer Term booklet was discussed. On a motion by Senator McGehee the issue was referred to the Calendar Committee for report to the Senate at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.

George Strain
Secretary