FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 1988
3:00 p.m.
Atchafalaya Room, LSU Union

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1987

2. President's Report

3. Report on the effects of the recent budget cut by Jerry Baudin, Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs

4. Report on activities of "Roemer’s Higher Education Advisory Panel" by William Cooper, panel member and Dean of the Graduate School

5. Old Business
   a. Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 87-6 (concerning 5 year vesting for retirement benefits)
   b. Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 87-7 (establish an Ombudsman position at the University)

6. New Business

If you are unable to attend this meeting of the Faculty Senate, please refer to Article VI, Appendix b, page 36, of the Faculty Handbook (1986 edition) for alternate representation.
MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING JANUARY 26, 1988

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) (* proxy)

✓ Grace Amborski
✓ Bert Boyce
✓ Jill Brody
✓ Panthea Broughton
✓ John Caprio
✓ Peter Cartledge
✓ Frank Chaffin
✓ Russell Chapman
✓ Robert Courter
✓ Adrian DeCaro
✓ Irene D’Maio
✓ Suzanne Dorman
✓ Wade Dorman
✓ Greg Cottrell
✓ Carol Foll
✓ Charles Foster
✓ Michael Grimes
✓ Robert Grunke
✓ Hilton Hallman
✓ Abner Hammon
✓ Richard Haymaker
✓ Thomas Hoke
✓ James Horvath
✓ Ben Jackson
✓ Barbara Janison
✓ David Johnson
✓ Seth Johnson
✓ Lamar Jones
✓ Ralph Kinney
✓ Bonnie Konopak
✓ Roger Laine
✓ William Lane
✓ Patricia Lawrence
✓ Richard Lomax
✓ Ronald Malone
✓ Michelle Masse
✓ Teresa Monger
✓ Gary Moore
✓ Robert Newman
✓ Richard Norin
✓ Wayne Parent
✓ Anna Perrault
✓ Jack Poplin
✓ Scott Popp
✓ Virginia Purcell
✓ Malcolm Richardson
✓ Roy Rober
✓ Edgar Roberts
✓ Doug Rossman
✓ George Roundtree
✓ Leila Schroeder
✓ Barun SenGupta
✓ Jonathan Shapiro
✓ Ethelyn Stott
✓ George Strain
✓ Teresa Summers
✓ Paul Temple
✓ Jonnine Vandeveer
✓ Julian White
✓ Charles Wilson
✓ Vernon Wright
✓ Adnan Yucel
✓ Selma Zebouni
✓ Edward Zganjar

PROXIES:

Senator Grimes for Senator Temple
Jon Emerson for Senator Chaffin
William Archambault for Senator Rober
Senator Horvath for Senator Foll
Senator Horvath for Senator Grodner

Senator Vandeveer for Senator Summers
Senator Lomax for Senator Shapiro
Charles Grenier for Senator Roundtree
J. V. Rensen for Senator Rossman
Senator W. Dorman for Senator W. Dorman

President Purtle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed Jerry Baudin, William Cooper, Carruth McGehee, and press representatives Rachel Emanuel-Wallace, Carl Redman, and Debra Taylor.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1987. The Minutes were approved as distributed and it was duly noted that Senator Bonnie Konopak had been present on December 8.

2. President’s Report

State Medical Insurance President Purtle read Faculty Senate Resolution 87-8 to the State Board of Trustees for the State Employees Group Benefits Program at their meeting on December 17, 1987. She reported that there was no response from the Board to the Resolution or any other presentation.

At the December meeting, the Board voted to raise the health insurance rates by 24% effective May 1, 1988. This recommendation will go to the Legislative Oversight Committee for approval of the state’s share of the cost. If the state does not contribute their share, the increase for individuals will be 46%.

Tax Sheltering of Insurances March is now the target date for implementation of tax sheltering of insurances. Faculty and staff will receive information on the sheltering plan within a month.

Insurance Consultant Due to scheduling problems, the insurance consultant is now expected the last week of February.

Tuition Benefits A system-wide survey to determine the cost of tuition benefits for faculty dependents is underway, and it should be complete by the middle of February.
A draft of the complete set of guidelines is now being reviewed by the committee. Vice-Chancellor Hargrove, and the Executive Committee have agreed on the following procedure for approving the document:

a) the draft will be distributed to the Faculty Senate and the Council of Deans for review on February 17, 1988
b) the draft will be discussed at a special meeting of the Senate and a meeting of the Council of Deans
c) the Revision Committee will consider suggested changes and needed revisions.
d) the revised draft will then be submitted to the Senate along with a Resolution for approval
e) the draft, after approval of the Senate, will be forwarded to Academic Affairs where it will be presented to the Council of Deans for approval
f) the draft, once approved by the Council of Deans, will then be reviewed by the university attorney, the Academic Vice-Chancellor, and the Chancellor.
g) the changes that will require System approval will be sought in order to finalize the process.

3. Report on the effects of the recent budget cut by Jerry Baudin, Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs

Vice-Chancellor Baudin said that LSU's share of the cut is the amount cut from higher education divided by 6, which amounts to between 3.3 million to 3.4 million dollars. The administration does not want to extend cuts to the Colleges. Sources for the cuts could come from indirect costs of grants, continuing education, reduced utility consumption and emergency funds. Salary savings, at the institutional level, could provide some funds, for example not filling physical plant vacancies. There were questions and he discussed the tax sheltering option now available to faculty. This program will be implemented on March 1, 1988.

4. Report on activities of "Roemer's Higher Education Advisory Panel" by William Cooper, panel member and Dean of the Graduate School

Dean Cooper reported that the charge to the Advisory Panel was to study the 1) governance of higher education, 2) structure of higher education (including finance and access), 3) role of higher education in economic development, and 4) coordination of educational efforts in the state, and to make recommendations to governor elect Roemer by March. The Committee meets weekly and is composed of members from different occupations and areas of the state (three members are from educational institutions in the state).

5. Old Business

a. Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 87-6 (concerning 5 year vesting for retirement benefits) There was a discussion. A motion to adopt Faculty Senate Resolution 87-6 passed.

b. Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 87-7 (establish an Ombudsman position at the University) There was a discussion and Senator Grimes indicated that at U. Massachusetts, Amherst, there were 455 cases in one year handled by the Ombudsmen. Senator Schroeder raised the issue of whether a faculty member could serve and avoid a conflict of interest. The general opinion is that a faculty member could serve in this job effectively. President Purtle stated that Chancellor Wharton and Chancellor Caffey have given their verbal support of an ombudsman for the faculty. A motion to adopt Faculty Senate Resolution 87-7 passed.

6. New Business There was no new business.

There being no further business, President Purtle adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on February 17, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Abner Hammond, Secretary