Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting January 17, 1989

President Purtle called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Chancellor Bogue, Carruth McGhee, Daniel Yannitelli, and press representatives Patrick Bonen, Bouki Muhammad, and Janie Petty.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1988 The Minutes were approved with the following corrections: Resolution number 88-7 was changed to 88-8: 88-8 to 88-9; 88-9 to 88-16. Change "Chancellor Wharton chose to resign from the university" to "the Chancellor resigned from the position as Chancellor", and Robert Newman was present at the December 7 meeting.

2. President's Report

Address by Interim Chancellor Grady Bogue Speaking to the Faculty Senate, Chancellor Bogue said that he would honor their authority in matters concerning the academic welfare of LSU. He also said that if he did have a problem he would come before the Senate and share the reason of the dissent with them so as to gain an opportunity to share in the resolution of the difficulty first. He asked that the Senate help him to be sensitive to the issues, procedures, and steps that need to be taken to carry the university forward with constructive changes.

Benefits

TIAA President Purtle has met with representatives from the Board of College Trustees, and they have agreed that the TIAA retirement option is desirable for the Louisiana faculty. President Purtle has requested that TIAA-CREF contact their Louisiana attorneys to initiate the advertisement necessary for consideration of this issue at the next legislative session. She will have a meeting with TIAA representatives and their attorneys next week on this issue.

Tuition Benefits Faculty have received a questionnaire related to the tuition benefits. A vote on this issue is expected at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting in February.

Report from Dr. Hargrave on status of Senate Resolutions Resolution 87-1 ("W" grade) The Resolution was approved in principle by the Council of Academic Deans and Directors on 12-5-87. Dean McGhee was requested to develop guidelines and procedures for implementation and to develop data on the "W" behavior of the new freshman class that entered under the University's 1988 admission requirements. The Council will conduct a final review of the guidelines this month.

Resolution 87-7 (Ombudsmen) The status of the Ombudsmen is unclear at this time.

Resolution 87-13 (PS-36) The draft is under careful review by the Council of Academic Deans and Directors and should be completed by the end of February. Financial exigency policy—Faculty Personnel Policies Committee should review before the Council of Academic Deans and Directors. Will require action by Board of Supervisors. Criteria section—now back with the Criteria Committee. Review by Council of Academic Deans and Directors will follow review by Faculty Senate.

Resolution 88-1 (salary and data on merit and equity increases be available in the University Archives) Vice-Chancellor Baudin has stated that the University's annual operating budget will be placed in the Library in a timely fashion.

Resolution 88-2 (grade point average of transfer students) Will be considered by the Council of Academic Deans and Directors this spring. Will require action by the Board of Supervisors.

Appointment of two committees

ad-hoc Committee on External Affairs (charged with proposing a structure for handling external affairs, such as liaison with Legislature and other external groups) John Butler, Chairman (Journalism), Virginia Purtle (Sociology), Gil Richards (Electric Engineering), Charles Wilson (Coastal Studies), and Eugene Wittkopf (Political Science)

ad-hoc Committee on Faculty Services (charged with identifying a structure of needed faculty services and proposing a structure for obtaining these services) Panthea Broughton, Chair (English), Ann Deucet (Mechanical Engineering), Carville Earle (Geography & Anthropology), Deborah Kemp (Finance), and Jim Roche (Geology).

3. Old Business

There was no old business.

4. New Business

Daniel Yannitelli (Chairman, Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee) offered Faculty Senate Resolution 88-11.

WHEREAS, the various degree granting colleges require a minimum grade point average of 2.8 for admission, and

WHEREAS, the University requires a minimum grade point average of 2.8 for graduation, and

WHEREAS, the current senior college provision of allowing a student's average to fall as many as ten quality points below 2.8 without being placed on academic probation is inconsistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, the current regulation is confusing to students in that it creates a false sense of well being;

Therefore be it resolved, that a student in a senior college whose grade point average on all L.S.U. work attempted is below 2.8 at the end of a regular semester will be placed on scholastic probation, beginning with the fall semester of 1986.
Dr. Yennitell discussed the background and he mentioned that the Junior Division Advisory Council asked that the Junior Division regulations be more in line with the Senior Division's. The Resolution is aimed at strengthening LSU's academic standards and to be as other degree-granting colleges. In order to simplify the current catalog description and have a comprehensive statement of scholastic policy in one place in the catalog, the ASH Committee offered a comprehensive statement of SCHOLASTIC REGULATIONS (see attached). There was a discussion. A motion to accept Faculty Senate Resolution 88-11 for a final vote at the February meeting was made by Senator Kinney, seconded by Senator Ferrault, and passed.

New Business continued

Senator Wallace offered Faculty Senate Resolution 88-12.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 88-12

WHEREAS, the role of the LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee is to act in the stead of and in the interests of the Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, recent substantial actions of the Executive Committee have been undertaken without the endorsement of the full body of the Senate, and without seeking such endorsement, and

WHEREAS, said actions of the Executive Committee have had the effect of usurping the rights and responsibilities of the Senate, and of quelling the joint voice of the Faculty as represented by its Senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LSU Faculty Senate ascribes to a vote of no confidence in its duly elected Executive Committee, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an ad-hoc committee of the Senate be appointed and charged with developing guidelines for the role, duties and actions of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

A motion to term the Resolution Minor and voted on at this time was made by Senator Lane, seconded and passed. There was a discussion. The question was called and Faculty Senate Resolution 88-12 failed.

There being no further business, President Purtle adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be February 13, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Kinney
Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) (*) Proxy

Grace Amborski
William Archambault
Rhonda Atkinson
Mary Balthazar
Jill Brody
Panthea Broughton
John Caprio
George Catalano
Frank Chaffin
Russell Chapman
Doo-Youn Cho
Irene Di Mato
Suzann Dorman
Mede Dorman
Gregor Doty
Sam Feagley
Marion Fletcher

Carol Foil
Lane Foil
Michelle Gellerich
Michael Grimes
Robert Grodner
Milton Hallman
Robert Hausey
Richard Haymaker
Jan Herlinger
Douglas Holt
Tom Hoste
David Johnson
Seth Johnson
Deborah Kemp
Gerald Kennedy
Ralph Kinney
David Kirshner

Bonnie Konopak
William Lane
Frances Lawrence
David Longstreth
Robert McIlhenny
Michelle Masse
Neil Mathews
James Miller
Teresa Monier
Gary Moore
Robert Newman
Rayne Parent
Anna Perrault
Michael Pitts
Jack Poplin
Ralph Portier

Virginia Purtle
Malcolm Richardson
Douglas Rossman
Willie Rush
Sarun Sen Gupta
Lee Southern
Neal Stoltzfus
Ethelyn Stott
Harriet Taylor
Joel Tohline
Donnie Vandeven
Danny Wallace
Charles Wilson
Vernon Wright
Sedan Yucel
Zelma Zboung

PROXIES: Richard Smith for Senator Miller
Senator Longstreth for Senator Chapman
William Metcalf for Senator Tohline
William Metcalf for Senator Haymaker
Sarah for Senator Kennedy

Sarah Liggett for Senator Holt
Senator Broughton for Senator Masse
Bill Harbin for Senator Dow
Senator Mathews for Senator Konopak
Senator Newman for Senator Johnson