President Pat Culbertson called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. He announced that the date of the February meeting has been moved from 23 February (Mardi Gras) to 25 February and that all senators will receive additional notification of this change.

Proxies at this meeting were:

Van Cox for Sadik Artunc
Jim Byo for Kathleen Roundtree
John Konopak for Prakash Dixit
Carol Barry for Connie Van Fleet
Pat Lipscomb for Thomas Owen
Maren Hegsted for Ken McMinn (and Billie Collier after 3:30)
George Strain for Hollis Cox
George Strain for Tom Hribernik
James Catano for Sarah Liggett
James Catano for Deborah Normand
Wilson Plunkett for Patricia Cruse
Bob Justis for Larry Farh

Senator Gambrell moved and Senator Collier seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 29 September, 7 October, 10 October, and 4 November and the motion was approved.

Senator Collier read a report by Eric Achberger on the activity of the Ad Hoc University Policy Subcommittee which is helping the Executive Committee with developing criteria for evaluating programs pertaining to possible restructuring that may occur if the University suffers additional budget cuts. The makeup of this committee was reported to be primarily representatives from various college policy committees, and, Senator Collier urged Senators with pertinent information or comments concerning this topic to contact their college policy committee.

President Culbertson recognized Drs. Volker Saile and Roger Stockbauer who gave an informational presentation on CAMD to the Senate. Topics covered included its history, current and planned capabilities, connections with other universities, funding, budget information, budget cuts received by CAMD, and what it means to LSU and the state to have such a facility. They also responded to questions concerning budget and funding matters from the Senate. Senators were extended an invitation to visit CAMD.

President Culbertson introduced Erwin Poliakoff of the Senate's ad hoc Crisis Response Committee. Senator Poliakoff read the charge of this committee to the Senate and reviewed the committee's plans and a proposed newspaper ad to get publicity and state-wide support for higher education. If sufficient financial support is raised, publicity projects being planned include half-page advertisements in newspapers in seven major metropolitan areas of the state and billboard messages.

Senator Poliakoff stated the Committee wanted Senate support for their activities for several reasons, one of which is that they will be seeking financial support from faculty to pay for the publicity efforts. Related to this, Senator Poliakoff read Resolution 92-09 to the Senate:

Faculty Senate Resolution 92-09:

It is necessary to inform the public on the conditions faced by higher education in Louisiana. We endorse and support the draft advertisement prepared by the ad hoc Crisis Response Committee.

To vote on a resolution on the same day it is presented to the Senate, a motion to suspend the rules is required. Senator Poliakoff moved to suspend the rules. This motion to suspend the rules was seconded by Senator Feldman and was approved by the Senate. Senator Poliakoff responded to questions from the Senate concerning their proposed activities including, have these plans been discussed with the Senate Publicity Committee. Senator Poliakoff said that it had been discussed with the Publicity Committee and widely discussed with other interested groups and offices on campus to make sure this effort will not conflict with any other related activity on campus. When asked would more than one ad be run if sufficient funds were raised, Senator Poliakoff stated if half the faculty respond with a $25 donation, this should allow half-page ads in seven major papers run on two different dates with some funds left over for a few billboards.

Other related comments included: 1) where can you get the yard signs soliciting support for LSU that are appearing all over Baton Rouge? 2) is there some way to enhance the yard sign effort or implement a similar publicity effort for Baton Rouge? 3) most people currently associated with the Baton Rouge campus live in the Baton Rouge area, but it is important to reach alumni all over the state such that a network to distribute bumper stickers and signs over the entire state should be considered, 4) the yard signs say "Save LSU..." but we are interested in generating support for higher education all over the state, and, 5) what is being done to get other universities to support our efforts or similar efforts? Senator Poliakoff indicated where people may learn about obtaining yard signs and talked about contacts with other Universities that are supportive of these efforts.
Senator Catano called for the question on Resolution 92-09 and the motion carried unanimously.

President Culbertson reported that Kirk Bennett had called him to say he is running for the Legislative seat vacated when Ron Guidry won the recent election to the Louisiana Senate for the seat vacated by Cleo Fields. Mr. Bennett said if elected, he would make LSU and higher education a priority with the state legislature. The Senate concurred with the suggestion that Mr. Bennett be invited to speak to the Faculty Senate in the next few months.

Senator Metcalf, also on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, reported on a meeting of the Executive Committee with the Provost held earlier in the day and commented on a budget plan of the Governor's just published in the Baton Rouge Advocate for funding higher education if his proposed financial package would be accepted by the legislative branch.

A senator commented on a statement attributed to Dr. Bill Silvia in a draft of the 10 December 1992 Senate minutes where he referred to LSU as a Doctoral I university when it was believed he meant a Research I university which is "three steps higher than Doctoral I." Senator Gambrell (Senate Secretary) said he would check the audio tape of the meeting. This was done and Dr. Silvia's wording, referring to a restructuring plan, was "...the finance section will say that each institution will have to be funded according to its mission and LSU will be the only Doctoral I research university in the state and should be funded as such."

Concern was expressed by senators that the Middleton Library was facing a $700,000 cut and that many faculty are very concerned about this and the way these cuts may be handled. It was reported the Provost shared these concerns and was looking into this matter.

A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 P.M.