Chancellor's Report:
The Chancellor will continue interviews with Provost candidate Risa Palm. The Chancellor commended the Provost Search Committee for their efforts. The Chancellor has appointed Fran Lawrence, Sarah Liggett, Jim Cowen, Louis Harrison, and Mark Slovak to the Athletic Council.

Provost's Report:
Most of the interviews for editor of *Southern Review* and for editor of *LSU Press* are completed while interviews for dean of Social Work should be completed by March 25th. One of three interviews for dean of the College of Business Administration has been completed. Interviews for dean of the School of the Coast and Environment are expected to begin in the fall.

Senator Joan King asked how many professorships and scholarships will not be funded next year from the LSU Foundation. The Provost replied that there are low returns on investments used to fund awards, but that LSU is trying to honor all commitments.

President's Report:
I. Forward nominations to fill open spots for Faculty Senate positions, standing committees, and the ad hoc task force on higher-education funding to President Anderson (laurie@geol.lsu.edu), Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC), or Chair of the Committee on Committees, Kelly Blessinger (kblessi@lsu.edu).

Nominations for Senate positions include for President Carruth McGehee and Jim Catano (later removed); for Vice-President Claire Advokat and Robert Ward; for Secretary Lori Bade; and for the at-large positions John Chandler, Nicholas Apostolou, and Jack Beggs.

FSEC is examining the funding formula for summer graduate classes. The current formula has strong disincentives for graduate courses and this may not be compatible with the Flagship Agenda.

Other Business:
Carruth McGehee introduced an addendum to PS36 that addresses this campus's reply to PM-35 post-tenure review. See the draft statement at [http://senate01.lib.lsu.edu/Facsen/Resolutions/X-3-10.pdf](http://senate01.lib.lsu.edu/Facsen/Resolutions/X-3-10.pdf)
The committee to develop procedures for the evaluation of administrators chaired by Paul Hoffman provided a draft policy to the Senate for review. Neil Mathews, Vice-Chancellor for Student Life, discussed NCAA reviews of university athletics. Chairs of committees involved in the review are Ken Carpenter, Karen Denby, Pam Monroe, Bob Kuhn, Fran Lawrence, and Renee Myers. Contact Mathews if interested in serving on a committee.

SR03-07 Revision of 2005 Admission Standards was presented by Senator Carruth McGehee and passed. The resolution was a result of discussions with the Chancellor and increased by 1 ACT point the admissions standards passed in SR03-01. Analyses showed that minimal effects would be expected from the increased admission standards.

SR03-08 Faculty Network on Legislative Issues was presented by Senator Claire Advokat and will be voted on next month. The resolution recommends that a phone bank be formed to inform LSU Faculty on legislative issues.

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**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, April 10, 2003 3:00 p.m.**

**Atchafalaya Room - LSU Union**

*Everyone's Welcome!*

1. Roll* and quorum
2. Approval of Minutes (March 12, 2003)
3. Election of Faculty Senate officers
4. Chancellor Mark Emmert
5. Provost Laura Lindsay
6. President's Report
7. Old Business
   - SR03-08 Faculty Network on Legislative Issues, Claire Advokat
8. New Business
   - SR03-09 Evaluation of Administrators, Paul Hoffman
   - SR03-10 PS-36 Addendum, Carruth McGehee
   - SR03-11 Guidelines and Recommendations for Establishing Criteria for Awarding Merit and Equity Raises, Paul Bell
   - SR03-12 Analyses of LSU Salary Data, Paul Bell
   - SR03-13 Posting Faculty Salaries on the Web, Paul Bell
9. Adjournment
The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th.

* If you wish to be represented by another faculty member from your college or division, or if you wish to give a proxy vote to another member of the Senate, please give written notice to the Senate President <laurie@geol.lsu.edu> prior to the meeting. Please refer to "Bylaws of the Faculty Senate," Article VI, in the LSU Faculty Handbook.

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**Louisiana State University A&M**

**MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

**March 12, 2003; 3:00 p.m.; Atchafalaya Room, LSU Union, LSU**

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Anderson at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum present. Secretary Paul Bell moved and it was seconded that the following changes to the minutes be made: i) "Ochsners" was referred to in the minutes when it should have been "state group EPO/PPO" plans. Therefore, change "Ochsner fees may increase by 15% next year and Definity by 5%, thereby reducing their differences". to "Differences in cost between the state group EPO/PPO plans and Definity may decrease next year if projections are correct that fees for the EPO/PPO plans will increase by 15% while Definity increases will only by 5". ii) Statistics were entered incorrectly and, therefore, change: "Those paying into LSU health insurance plans make an average of $47,000/year. System wide, though, 2/3 employees make less than $47,000/year". to "Those paying into LSU health insurance plans make an average of $45,000/year. System-wide two-thirds of all employees make less than $37,000/year". and iii) Change two references to the contributions required for social security from 7% to 6.2%. Therefore, change "Motsonbocker said and Benedict agreed that employees cannot voluntarily elect to pay their share (7%) into social security in order to accumulate years in the system (and in another sentence) If this is done right, it could be better than the 7% one has to contribute to social security". to "Motsonbocker said and Benedict agreed that employees cannot voluntarily elect to pay their share (6.2%) into social security in order to accumulate years in the system" (and in the other sentence) "If this is done right, it could be better than the 6.2% one has to contribute to social security". The motion passed.

Senator Andreas Giger moved and it was seconded that the minutes be changed regarding his discussion with Forest Benedict from "Giger said that in trying to minimize costs, he knows of a physical therapist who charges patients $250 if purchased from the Definity 'pool' but Definity is charged $150". to "Giger said that in trying to minimize costs, he knows of a physical therapist who charges the health insurance $250 but those who pay out-of-pocket only $100 to $150". The motion passed.
The February 10 minutes were approved as amended. Find the minutes at [http://senate01.lib.lsu.edu/facsen/jan2003_minutes.htm](http://senate01.lib.lsu.edu/facsen/jan2003_minutes.htm) or go to the LSU homepage, select the A--Z directory, select 'F' and the Faculty Senate.


**Chancellor Emmert’s Report:** LSU employees must select a health plan this spring, otherwise, they will be placed in the Definity health plan (this was later found to be incomplete information. What should have been said was that “If an LSU employee does not return the enrollment forms and he is already in Definity, he will keep his Definity health insurance; if instead he is with some other health insurance carrier and does not return the form, he will receive PPO health insurance”). This presents problems because some employees think erroneously that by not returning documentation stating their health-plan choice, their existing health plan--whatever the health plan--would continue.

The Chancellor, after consultation with the search committee, selected Risa Palm for a second visit for further discussions on the open provost position. Palm and her geographer husband will visit Baton Rouge later this week and Saturday. The Chancellor commended the search committee for their efforts. The Chancellor hopes a decision will be made as soon as possible.

The Chancellor has appointed the following to the Athletic Council: Fran Lawrence, Sarah Liggett, Jim Cowan, Louis Harrison, and Mark Slovak (note: discussion of changes to the Athletic Council are described in this meeting's presentation by Ken Carpenter).

The Chancellor has asked ASH to recommend to the Faculty Senate that LSU change it's admission policy for 2005. This early request would allow LSU time to discuss these changes with high schools.
Former Senate President Neil Kestner said that the requirement that employees must state the health plan they want this spring is not a new policy and that it was done last year. Senator Steve Harrison thought that even if one is removed from his health plan by not returning health-plan forms to LSU, there is still a one-month period that the person could request that he returns to his earlier health plan.

Senator Carl Motsonbocker said that the LSU Master Plan was designed for a 44,000 enrollment and as a result, the plan shows infrastructure, roads, parking and building reflecting that expectation. Motsonbocker asked whether the Chancellor proposes an enrollment of 44,000 for LSU and how that would occur given that LSU cannot meet present faculty and staff requirements. The Chancellor said that he does not suggest LSU have a 44,000 enrollment. At present, faculty and staff is more suitable for enrollment of about 25,000. The Master Plan only guessed given the experience of other Research 1 institutions of similar size and the time span assumed, what might the enrollment be. The original Master Plan predicted that by 2003 the enrollment would be 5000.

President Laurie Anderson asked if the terms for Athletic Council committee members were staggered. Chancellor remarked that they are but has forgotten who has what term.

**Provost’s Report:** Two candidates have interviewed and one interview remains for editor of *Southern Review*. One candidate has interviewed for dean of Social Work and two more interviews should be completed by March 25th. Two candidates have interviewed for the editor of *LSU Press* and one interview remains. The interim Dean of the College of Business Administration has completed his interviews for dean and two more interviews will be conducted. A search committee for dean of the School of the Coast and Environment is being formed with interviews expected in the fall.

The Provost is reviewing comments to the Flagship Agenda and encouraged faculty to submit comments at [http://appl003.lsu.edu/acadaff/lsuflagship.nsf/index](http://appl003.lsu.edu/acadaff/lsuflagship.nsf/index) or at [www.lsu.edu/flagship](http://www.lsu.edu/flagship).

The Provost has helped establish guidelines for non-Senate committees such as the Information Technology Committee for term limits and member turnover. A Provost-selected committee is reviewing system and campus policy statements on information technology to help determine any inconsistencies and to prepare a list of all relevant policies.

Two finalists have been selected for director of Telecommunications and they have been interviewed by four information technology committees at LSU.
Efforts are being made to meet SACS requirements in regard to web-based documentation of faculty credentials.

The Provost has met with the committee for review of administrators and will forward draft policy statements from this committee to the Deans and Directors for their feedback.

The Provost is meeting with LSU System Carolyn Hargrave about the LSU AgCenter's reorganization efforts that resulted in tenure status for extension faculty. Carruth McGhee was asked to help in the review of the promotion and tenure issues especially given his experience with LSU's PS36.

The Provost encouraged faculty to join in the Forum on Technology in the Classroom April 27-29. Academic Affairs will pay half the faculty member's fee to participate.

The Provost spoke of an upcoming seminar on issues related to women on campus by Judith Glazer-Raymo at 2PM Thursday March 20th at Hill Memorial Library (for more information, contact Kelly Rusch at 225/578-8528).

School of Coast and Environment will be moving from eleven buildings to one building at the end of this month. The Provost stated it was very important that faculty learn more about safety issues and that this can be done by visiting the LSU safety web site at http://www.lsu.edu/safety.htm

Senator Dominique Homberger commented on the lack of adequate security at some buildings after hours and during the weekends because doors are often propped open. The Provost reminded faculty and others that security personnel alone cannot remedy this situation and that faculty must close any open doors. The Provost has asked that security and facility services personnel make more frequent checks of buildings and doors.

Senator Jim Catano asked whether fraternities or other groups are providing escorts. The Provost says there is a student-supported van that can transport students wherever one wants to go on campus.

Senator Joan King asked how many professorships and scholarships will not be funded next year from the LSU Foundations because of losses from stock investments. The Provost said it was a tough question. Returns on investments are low. LSU is trying to honor all commitments and that professorships now planned will have to expect much less money forwarded to the professorship because of lower investment returns. The Provost is trying to work with the Board of Regents on these issues especially regarding rules that the BOR changed this spring. The Provost has met with every dean regarding this issue.
**Neil Mathews, Vice-Chancellor for Student Life, NCAA Accreditation:** Every ten years the NCAA conducts year-long reviews of university athletic departments and the reviews are somewhat analogous to periodic accreditation that universities undergo. The review, called a certification, is divided into sub-areas with their own committee. The committees and the chair in parentheses are: Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance (Ken Carpenter), Academic Integrity (co-chairs Karen Denby and Pam Monroe), Fiscal Integrity (co-chairs Bob Kuhn and Fran Lawrence), and Commitment to Equity, Welfare, and Sportsmanship (Renee Putinmeyer and a to-be-named co-chair). Anyone interested in serving on these committees contact the Vice-Chancellor or President Laurie Anderson. The Vice-Chancellor volunteered to return to the Senate quarterly to report on progress of the certification process.

**President’s Report:** Forward nominations to fill open spots on the task force that will examine higher education funding (SR03-05) to the President. Email nominations for vacancies in Faculty Senate committees to any of the members of the Committee of Committees or its chair, Kelly Blessinger at kblesi@lsu.edu.

Nominations can still be submitted for Faculty Senate officers or at-large positions to the nominating committee (Stephen Harrison, Christopher Kenny, Thomasine Mencer, and George Voyiadjis) and at the next senate meeting. Nominations acquired so far are for President Carruth McGehee and Jim Catano; Vice-President Robert Ward and Claire Advokat; Secretary Lori Bade; and at-large positions John Chandler, Nicholas Apostolou, and Jack Beggs.

The President thanked faculty for participating in the search process for the provost position.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) is discussing the need to reexamine funding formula for summer classes. The current formula has strong disincentives for graduate courses and this may not be compatible with the Flagship Agenda.

The President requested that senators review in-development policy statements on post-tenure review (addendum to PS36) and *Faculty Evaluation of Administrators of Academic Units and Certain Other Administrators*. The latter policy has taken two-years of effort. Find the PS-36 policy statement at [http://www.math.lsu.edu/~mcgehee/C.html](http://www.math.lsu.edu/~mcgehee/C.html).

**Report by Paul Hoffman, Chair of Evaluation of Administrators (PS35) Committee:** Hoffman encouraged feedback on the proposed policy and for faculty to review the enclosed principles used in formulating the policy.
He noted that the proposed policy can include not-yet-named administrators such as dean of Graduate School or vice-chancellors. The survey instrument will include questions regarding the planning process cycle, personnel skills and subsections could also be included. Some questions will be constant across the university to allow uniform evaluation using the same questions and criteria. The on-line survey should be brief and should allow privacy. Departments and colleges could add their own questions to the surveys. PS-35 was clearly written for non-academic staff, however, there are faculty who are also administrators. Hoffman noted that there are still questions whether these faculty should be evaluated with PS-35, PS-36 or a separate policy for just this group.

New Business:

Report by Carruth McGehee, Chair of ad hoc committee on PS36 (promotion and tenure): McGehee introduced the committee’s draft of an addendum to PS36 that presents this campus’s response to LSU System’s PM-35 (commonly known as post-tenure review). McGehee hopes that the Senate will vote on the addendum in May and, thereafter, be approved by LSU A&M administration. The addendum is not intended to replace PM35 and it was not written with the assumption that dysfunctional departments are the norm. The committee tried to provide a basic framework and would grant "an important role to the rules that a unit may adopt pertaining to faculty personnel policy" (addendum preamble Section B.1). "The process is a basic framework for businesslike and collegial communication. Colleges and departments, in their rules, are free further to specify and regulate the criteria, the process, and the timetable; and to provide additional formal reviews, of various kinds and frequencies, that fit around this framework" (Section c.1). The addendum discusses features and requirements of the official departmental personnel file. Section C.3.c discusses the evaluation process by chair. The addendum does not follow PM35 slavishly.

McGehee cited from the AAUP's Policy Documents & Reports (or as it is also called, the Red Book; 2001):

"We recognize that some tenured faculty members may, nonetheless, fail to fulfill their professional obligations because of incompetence, malfeasance, or simple nonperformance of their duties. Where such a problem appears to exist, "targeted" review and evaluation should certainly be considered, in order to provide the developmental guidance and support that can assist a faculty member to overcome these difficulties. Should it be concluded, however, that such developmental assistance is (or is likely to be) unavailing, the remedy lies not in a comprehensive review of the entire faculty, nor in sacrificing the procedural protections of the tenured faculty member, but in an orderly application of long-standing procedures such as those in the Association’s Recommended Institutional Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure, (Regulations 5-8) for the imposition of sanctions up to and including dismissal".
The PS36 committee recommends that the Faculty Senate amends its by-laws to provide for a standing committee "PM-35 Advisory Board". The Board will, among other duties, monitor the functioning of the processes on the campus related to PM-35. The post-tenure process of the addendum relies on existing annual evaluations by chairs and includes explicit satisfactory or unsatisfactory judgments. Each finding of unsatisfactory performance must be forwarded to the Provost and Board, and the Provost can over-rule the finding. Alerting the Board of unsatisfactory evaluations prevents secret unsatisfactory findings. If there are two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations or three unsatisfactory evaluations within five years, a PM-35 Peer Review Committee will be appointed as provided in C. 4.d. If the committee disagrees with the finding, the chair can (but does not have to) reverse its decision. If the finding stands, it goes to the Provost. If the Provost supports the chair's finding, remediation actions by the Peer Review Committee continue. This is different from PM35 where a new remediation committee is formed at this stage.

The Peer Review Committee prepares a two-year plan for improvement with delays allowed for illness. The Peer Review Committee is made from department peers but the addendum allows faculty outside of the department to serve because some departments are small or there may be problems within the department.

Senator Jim Catano commented on the consistency of the policy in using the term 'chair' and not 'heads' of departments. However, there are large differences between the two with heads appointed by the dean and serving at the pleasure of the dean. McGehee said not to overestimate the bliss in which they live in the College of Arts and Sciences. The dean sometimes appoints chairs. Whether a department is overseen by a chair or head does automatically determine the person as the department's alpha or the administrator's epsilon.

Senator John Chandler said that most or all department heads are appointed by the Chancellor in the AgCenter. Chandler inquired whether the Senate can address personnel issues such as are in the addendum. The Senate by-laws only allow the Senate to address academic issues and not HRM issues. McGehee said that changes to PS36 have come from the Senate before. The policy statements regarding personnel issues that have come from the Senate have been by-and-large approved by the administration. Although there is no absolute authority over some of these issues, the senate has a history of successfully addressing them.

President Anderson read from the Faculty Senate Constitution article 1, section 2:

"The Faculty Council is charged to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, determine requirements for degrees, and generally determine educational policy for the university, subject to the authority of the Board of Supervisors. Within the framework of the educational policy of the LSU System, the Faculty Council may
establish its own educational policies and may exercise legislative power over all matters pertaining to its own meetings. Such power shall be exercised by the Senate at any and all times when the Council is not in session. The Senate shall represent the Council in all matters and shall be deemed to voice the policies, opinions, and sentiments of the Council on any matter within its jurisdiction. Section 3: The Senate shall consider any matter within its jurisdiction on its own initiative or which is brought to its attention by resolution of the Faculty Council; it may consider any matter within its jurisdiction at the request of the University or at the request of a member or members of the Faculty Council."
The President also said that the Senate had been asked by the Administration to revise and approve PS-104.

Senator Nick Apostolou said it should be more difficult to trigger remediation than the two consecutive or three out of five years unsatisfactory evaluations. He also hoped that the committee examined other schools and how our criteria compared. McGehee replied that the committee followed PM35 especially in this case where it was clear. The finding of unsatisfactory performance falls on the chair to determine this and it becomes visible to the Provost and the PM35 Board. This will help stop runaway deans and chairs and may be more effective than changing the term or the frequency triggering remediation.

Senator Robert Ward asked how McGehee proposes to make the proposed policy binding on the administration. McGehee said that he thinks the administration and the LSU System would approve the addendum. This was just an opinion but McGehee said his opinions are legal. Ward asked whether the Board of Regents would approve and President Laurie Anderson said this was not needed. Ward then asked whether these actions were under the purview of the chancellor. McGehee agreed and said that it is possible to write a response to PM-35 that would not be approved and another campus has proven that. President Anderson said the Faculty Senate has successfully implemented and with administration approval PS-36 and PS-104 dismissal policies in the past.

McGehee asked that input be sent via email or phone to him.

Ward said that his questioning was made to try to better determine whether the adoption of the policy statement becomes a part of the faculty member's new legal due process rights. It appears, Ward said, that a court would consider the new policy binding provided the Chancellor agrees to the Senate PS36 addendum.

Visitor and President of the LSU Chapter of the AAUP, Larry Crumbley said that the questioning is flawed because no one has tested in court the legality of the post-tenure review policy as outlined in PM-35. "Don't assume that PM-35 is legal". He said that he was hired under one set of tenure and promotion requirements and in his opinion PM-35 is not legal. Crumbley complained that the addendum does not
define 'unsatisfactory' and wondered if it meant below average. Crumbley said there was one person on campus under remediation from PM-35 but no plan was given to him even after two years. What happens at the end of the fourth year of the remediation?

McGehee said he understands there are five PM-35 remediation cases on campus but knows little of the cases and cannot comment on the case Crumbley described. There has to be a plan made for the professor in remediation. If at the end of the second year the PM-35 peer review committee states that the professor's progress is inadequate, the Provost must recommend that the Chancellor place the individual in PS-104 dismissal proceedings. However, there are outcomes besides dismissal within PS-104. The draft addendum provides safeguards not present in PM-35. PM-35 as written by the System pursues recommendations written in the AAUP Red Book. It could turn into protections for the faculty member. Crumbley reiterated his warning not to assume that PM-35 is legal.

**Report by Ken Carpenter, Chair of the committee to review the functioning of the Athletic Council:** The committee decided its mission was to enhance faculty's influence over Athletic Department policies and procedures. One route to do this would be to modify Athletic Council procedures that would require revisions to the Board of Supervisors by-laws. This would have been desirable in decreasing the Council size from 15 which would increase faculty percentage on committee. However, control over this process could be lost once review by the BOS occurred. The committee thought it's mission could be accomplished if the Council regulations were changed but only as much as could be done without BOS approval, i.e., create a PS statement. The committee concluded that the following changes be made: (i) all committee members except the ex-officio members be appointed by the Chancellor. The alumni, students, and Faculty Senate would make nominations for the Chancellor's approval. (ii) Quorum be changed from five to eight and the minimum number of faculty present must be four. (iii) An executive committee of five members be formed with at least three faculty members or administrators who hold academic rank. (iv) A mission statement was inserted and described the method of appointment of committee members. (v) A non-voting member from the student-athlete support organization be added. (vi) The role and function of the council, executive committee and the faculty athletic representative be described according to committee recommendations. The suggested revisions have gone to the Athletic Council and is now before the Senate. If there are any further comments they must be done in one week. So far, there has not been any emails and the committee changes are not major but do make for a stronger committee.

**SR03-07 Revision of 2005 Admission Standards:** Senator Carruth McGehee introduced SR03-07 and it was seconded by Senator Jim Catano. The
resolution is an adjustment to SR03-01 *Increasing Admission Standards* (originally introduced as SR02-09). The resolution would increase the admission standards for every ACT score in SR03-01 by 1 and then make an equivalent and appropriate change to SAT. The ASH committee helped run a study using data of students who were accepted by LSU in 2002 and determined how many would have been accepted using SR03-01 and SR03-07 standards. There were 200 more students who met SR03-01 than SR03-07 standards. Likewise there were minimal effects on minority enrollment.

Senator Paul Farnsworth said that statistics were presented in greater detail during the presentation for SR03-01. He would prefer data regarding minority enrollment rather than just the comment that there were minimal effects.

Teresa Summers said that comparing SR03-07 with SR03-01 standards, eleven African Americans, eleven other minority students, and 187 white students would not have been automatically admitted with SR03-07 than with SR03-01. However, although a student could not be automatically admitted, the student could still be admitted using other criteria. This is a small percentage of the total enrollment—4842 minority students.

Mark Slovak asked what percentage of students were not automatically admitted. Summers said that there were 6.3% African American, 8.8% other minority students, 17.2% White, and 15.2% for the total class.

Senator Steve Harrison asked what was the rationale to have admissions criteria of the top 10% and top 15% ranking of students in their high school class. Summers said that national studies have shown that high school gpa and ranking are better predictors of success in college than are generalized test scores. ASH recommended that this criteria be used and that the gpa be calculated from the core curriculum only.

Senator Jim Catano asked whether there was data to suggest increasing enrollment standards will increase graduation rate. Summers said that they have seen increases in retention and graduation rates already that they ascribe to the increased standards enacted by the Senate in the past. Summers did not think that tweaking the standards by one point will make major differences and senators should remember that the average SAT score is increasing. It is important that LSU sets the curve for the state and that TOPS may require a SAT of 21 in 2005 and LSU should be ahead of TOPS.

Senator Mark Slovak said the statistics were incorrect (22 minority students out of 4842 students or 0.45% but it was stated as between 6.3 and 8.8%). Summers explained that the number of students not meeting automatic admission standards that were mentioned was calculated as the difference between the students admitted using SR03-07 and SR03-01 standards and not the difference between students meeting SR03-07 and today's standards.
However, the percentage values that were mentioned refer to the percentage of students automatically admitted in 2002 that would not have meet SR03-07 standards.

Senator Jon Cogburn said that SAT and ACT scores are good indicators of success if one takes into consideration college major. GPA may be better than ACT but only if majors are not taken into consideration. Summers said that ASH has never looked at data by majors. President Anderson reminded senators that the proposal addresses SAT/ACT and not gpa.

Senator John Chandler asked why one point on SAT makes such a difference in improving LSU reputation. Summers said that the increase sends a message that LSU sets the admission standards and has since 1986. This was her personal opinion she said and it was not legal like Carruth’s opinions. If the minimum for TOPS in 21 as it is projected, then, LSU should be above that.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules to allow a vote on the resolution. The motion passed 36 to 4. Senator King asked whether there was quorum. There was. A vote on the resolution was made and it passed.

**SR03-08 Faculty Network on Legislative Issues:** Senator Claire Advokat introduced SR03-08 and it was seconded by Jill Suitor. As a result of a FSEC meeting with LSU’s Scott Woodward, the FSEC decided that the proposed phone bank described in the resolution could be quite helpful in lobbying efforts for LSU.

Senator Harrison said the resolution was good except in regards to providing formal efforts to provide feedback to legislators. He was not sure that it was legal and that it was more appropriate for individuals. Advokat has already asked Scott Woodward to consult with lawyers on this issue. Harrison said that the lawyers opinion may address the legality but he was still concerned whether the faculty should enter this new arena. President Anderson said that she had encouraged this resolution to move forward even though the resolution was not mature. She wanted to get this resolution presented now to prevent a longer meeting in May.

Harrison suggested some guidelines for the feedback requested in the resolution may be appropriate. Senator James Honeycutt suggested that after consultation with the lawyers, the resolution may address the wording on guidelines.

Senator John Chandler moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.

Secretary Paul Bell
SR 03-07
Faculty Senate Resolution
REVISION OF 2005 ADMISSION STANDARDS
Carruth McGehee

Whereas, the Faculty of Louisiana State University have approved a series of improvements in admission standards at LSU, the last being Faculty Senate Resolution SR 02-09 (SR03-01), and

Whereas, following discussions with the Flagship Committee of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Chancellor Emmert asked the Faculty Senate Admissions, Standards, and Honors (ASH) Committee to consider raising the threshold ACT scores approved in Faculty Senate Resolution SR 02-09 by one additional point, and SAT scores equivalently, to send an even clearer signal that LSU is moving to a new level of expectations for prospective students, and

Whereas, the ASH Committee has determined that increasing the threshold ACT scores approved in Faculty Senate Resolution SR 02-09 by one additional point will have minimal impact on projected enrollment statistics, and in particular will have minimal impact on projected minority enrollment,

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU faculty propose the following revision of the assured admission requirements for students entering LSU in the Fall of 2005 as defined in Faculty Senate Resolution SR 02-09, the only changes being in the SAT or ACT column:

**TABLE I. LSU REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSURED ADMISSION**
High School Academic Units
(See Table II - FS Resolution SR 02-09)

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*GPA: The required grade point average (gpa) is based solely on high school units for admission to LSU as shown in Table II - FS Resolution SR 02-09.

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**SR03-08.**

**Faculty Senate Resolution**

**FACULTY NETWORK ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Prepared by Claire Advokat, Faculty Senator, in conjunction with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

March 12th 2003 -- First Reading

WHEREAS, LSU is the flagship university of the state, and its viability is important to the intellectual, economic and cultural environment of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of resources and support, as determined by the state legislature, is crucial for maintaining the viability of the university and enabling it to fulfill its mission, and

WHEREAS, discussion and interaction between the state legislators and the faculty of LSU would help to promote the most effective application and distribution of such resources,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSU Faculty Senate establish a mechanism for providing faculty with information about proposed legislation relevant to the mission of the University. This would be accomplished through the appointment of a committee, which would work with the appropriate staff within the Chancellor's office, for the purpose of conveying information regarding impending legislative proposals to the University community. This mechanism might include a campus-wide email broadcast and/or a phone bank, or some other system by which information could be sent, in a timely fashion, to all faculty who were interested in receiving such communications. This network would, further, provide a means for interested faculty to respond, and express their views, either in support or opposition, to the proposals initiated by the legislature.

*Photos by Claire Advokat*