LSU Faculty Senate Meeting
3:00 P.M., Friday, March 14th, 2008
Atchafalaya Room, LSU Union

Attendance
Faculty Senate Executive Committee members present:

1. Kevin L. Cope (Senate President)
2. Andrew Christie (Vice-President)
3. Pratul K. Ajmera (Member-at-Large)
4. Judith Schiebout (Member-at-Large)
5. George Stanley (Member-at-Large)
6. William H. Daly (Past President)

Parliamentarian: Charles N Delzell (present)

Senators present:

1. Fred Aghazadeh
2. Pratul K. Ajmera
3. Priscilla D. Allen
4. Nicholas G. Apostolou
5. William W. Armstrong
6. Sue G Bartlett
7. Kevin L. Cope
8. Hollis Utah Cox
9. Charles N Delzell
10. Dennis W. Duffield
11. Emily Elliott
12. Juhan Frank
13. Steve Hand
14. Wanda Hargroder
15. Lisa Johnson
16. Boryung Ju
17. P Lynn Kennedy
18. Jeremy King
19. Joan M. King
20. Paul A. Larock
21. Vincent J. Licata
22. Katia Madsen
23. Ronald F. Malone
24. Patrick McGee
25. Su-Seng Pang
26. Erwin D. Poliakoff
27. Dorothy Prowell
28. Dan B. Rinks
29. Steve Ross
30. Kelly Rusch
31. Adelaide Russo
32. Edward Song
33. George Stanley
34. Jeffrey Tiger
35. Beth N. Tope
36. Muhammad Wahab
37. Maud Maureen Walsh
38. Richard Warga
39. Paul Wilson

Proxies for absent Senators:

Kevin L. Cope for Pratul K. Ajmera (until 3:40 pm)
Erwin D. Poliakoff for Linda Allen
Charles N Delzell for D. Larry Crumbley, Jorge F. Morales, Dottie Vaughn
Hollis Utah Cox for Bruce E Eilts, Bruce Mark Olcott
P Lynn Kennedy for Jeffrey Gillespie
Craig Freeman for Robert K. Goidel
Kevin L. Cope for Scott W. Harris, Heather McKillop, Patsy Scates, James R. Stoner Jr.
William W. Armstrong for Paul L. Hrycaj
Juhan Frank for Richard L. Kurtz
Andrew Christie for Douglas McMillin
Paul Wilson for Kenneth W. McMillin
John Fletcher for James L. Murphy
Maud Maureen Walsh for Carol E. O’Neil
Dorothy Prowell for Frederick Sheldon
Nicholas G. Apostolou for Richard White

Senators absent without proxies + (# of absences without proxies):

1. Jacqueline Bach (1)
2. Brittan A. Barker (4)
3. Henry D. Bellamy (4)
4. Jennifer L. Jolly (2)
5. Jeff S. Kuehny (4)
6. Suzanne Marchand (10)
7. Cathy S. Marshall (24)
8. Frederick G. Ortner (8)
9. Keith Robinson (7)
10. Kevin Smith (7)
11. James Sullivan (16)
12. Michael Wascom (2)
Introduction of Guests
Guests were introduced and urged to sign in on the attendance sheet. Guests attending the March meeting included:
Lois Kuyper-Rushing, Guest FS Secretary
Robert Doolos, University Registrar
Stacia Haynie, Academic Affairs
Ravi Rau, Department of Physics & Astronomy
Hongyu He, Department of Mathematics

Consideration of the Minutes for the February 19th meeting
This was delayed until the April.

President’s Report

Campus and Faculty Events:
The Faculty Senate (FS) has been concerned with the slow progress being made on PS 36. It was to have been released in September, but progress seems to be stalled now. Provost Merget is investigating this delay. The question for faculty now is this: Under what policy are we hiring and firing?

It has been discovered that the faculty hiring rate has slipped steadily. Faculty numbers are going down. Provost Merget has promised to investigate further. The Provost will also investigate the sabbatical clarification issue that was raised some time ago.

The Ad-hoc Committee on the Commemoration of Deceased Faculty Members has reported to Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC). The Commemoration Committee suggests that commemorations should be carried out through departments and their respective web pages. The commemorations should include a list of the accomplishments of these faculty members. The Commemoration Committee found that Human Resource Management has minimal records that date further back than ten years and minimal staff to process these requests, so there is a backlog of commemorations to be prepared. The FSEC has approved the suggestions of the committee and the committee will meet with Vice Provost Chuck Wilson to consider how to proceed on this issue.

The LSU Lab School has recently received attention in the media. Someone from this entity will speak to the FSEC concerning these issues soon.

For several months the FSEC has been consulting with Dydia DeLyser, Faculty Athletic representative, to see how the interaction between faculty and athletic committee occurs on other campuses in the SEC. She has found that there is a huge disparity among these campuses in the ways that these interactions take place. She suggests we deal with any problems that arise by using ad hoc committees.

There has been a transfer of power within the Student Life and Academic Services Department on campus. This department now comes under the wing of Academic Affairs rather than acting independently. The Provost explained to the FSEC that the goal of this change was to make Student Life more compatible with the Academic side of the student experience.

The LSU Chancellor Search Committee has been appointed and of the twelve persons nominated by the FSEC, five LSU faculty members were appointed to the committee of twenty-one people. Deliberations begin in April, confidentiality will be attempted.

An issue that has arisen again is the plan to expand the campus. The FSEC met with Michael Gargano, the new Vice President in charge of Enrollment Management for the LSU System. Mr. Gargano noted that his role is to assist the campuses in taking their enrollment management in the right direction. Mr. Gargano did not indicate that there is a plan to centralize this in the LSU System, which is good news. He wants to help each campus define its mission. Gargano reported that outside recruiters are coming to Louisiana, and all are looking at and recruiting students who are sophomores in high school. He noted that the pool of high school graduates is approximately 38000, it is declining only slightly each year.
FSEC is not totally satisfied with Mr. Gargano’s report because he provided few details. The Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (ASH) has been asked to work on a study of the expansion of the university issue. A committee from the Academic Affairs Department, led by Stacia Hayne, is doing a capacity study of the university. Can the campus handle an extra five to seven thousand students? Articulation issues (transfer of credits) will be studied as well. Much of the pressure for this is coming from the Board of Supervisors.

President Cope reported that he has received a request from the Staff Senate for faculty representation on the Board of Supervisors. Students have more representation than faculty. The LSU Faculty Senate passed a resolution concerning this issue in 2006, it will be discussed. President Cope and Past President Daly met recently with Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates. It is a group of all Faculty Senate Presidents or other representatives. Its influence on the Board of Regents has waned in recent years. Recently, ALFS, confronted with a shortfall in eligible leaders, elected a President-in-Training who will be mentored by former Presidents. President Cope, Past President Daly and the FSEC agree that this organization needs our support in order to ensure representation at the Board of Supervisors.

The ASH Committee has reported on the issue of academic endorsement of high schools with regard to admission requirements in Louisiana. Earlier this year, Karen Denby, a representative of the Board of Regents, and colleagues from the Board of Regents gave a presentation on the “Core Four Curriculum” to the Faculty Senate. This was remanded to ASH, which has deliberated on this and gave the following measured response, which has been communicated to the Board of Regents:

The Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee has reviewed the Academic Endorsement to the Proposed Curriculum Recommendations for Louisiana High Schools developed by the Louisiana Commission on High School Redesign. Because of such actions as allowing Speech to be substituted for a Foreign Language and not requiring Physics, the ASH committee has approved the following statement. "The Admissions, Standards, & Honors Committee reviewed the proposed Academic Endorsement. The committee acknowledges the effort by the Board of Regents to improve high school education. This committee can not adopt the Academic Endorsement as admission requirements for LSU."

Questions: A guest asked to hear faculty comments on the merger of Student Life and Academic Services. Senator Emily Elliott asked for clarification of the issue. President Cope and Past President Daly explained that two things have happened. Neil Matthews has stepped down as Vice-Chancellor for Student Life and Academic Services and has been replaced by Eric Monday. The academic programs were separated from the student services and put under the Provost. Student Services remain under Eric Monday’s purview, their focus is on producing a better student lifestyle.

No answers were given to Mr. Howard’s question.

Old Business

1. Second and Final Reading of Faculty Senate Resolution 08–02, “Enhanced Online Access to Faculty Credentials”

   Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

The document was read and discussed at the last meeting, and the changes suggested have been made. President Cope read the resolution aloud.

   Faculty Senate Resolution 08–02

   “Enhanced Online Access to Faculty Credentials”

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WHEREAS the LSU web site, along with the many college, department, program, and institute web sites that it contains, serves as the default point of reference for those who seek information concerning the many experts who populate the LSU faculty;

WHEREAS the advancement of LSU as a major, multifaceted research institution requires an unobstructed view of the achievements of its faculty members;
WHEREAS many traditional sources of information concerning faculty such as printed directories or paper bulletins are no longer widely distributed;

WHEREAS both internet search engines and the LSU search system remain imprecise technologies;

WHEREAS policies on the online presentation of faculty credentials and achievements vary widely, with some “units” showcasing complete information but with other units requiring abbreviated or capsule summaries;

WHEREAS a university committed to faculty retention should take pride in the extensive, lifetime achievements of its members;

WHEREAS institutional and granting-agency requirements such as the appointment of referees or evaluators often require quick and easy access to credential and accomplishment information; and

WHEREAS the community that supports LSU evidences a genial curiosity concerning the works of its intellectual deputies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate calls on all deans, directors, and department chairs to insure that the full and complete credentials (including CVs) of all faculty members are accessible on or from departmental web site, either on the web site themselves or through links leading to faculty members’ personal web sites.

Discussion
Vice President Andrew Christie made a grammatical correction to the last paragraph, changing “web site” to “web sites.”

Senator Steve Ross asked whether this can be enforced. President Cope answered that the Senate can influence and make suggestions to the administration. Most resolutions are seriously considered, most have been acted on by the administration.

Vice President Christie suggested that one problem with implementing resolutions like this one is poor communication on campus. Therefore, once the resolution is passed, the FSEC will need to encourage its implementation across campus

Senator Ross wondered whether this will become a faculty obligation. President Cope answered that there would be nothing required, rather that the Faculty Senate and this resolution support the faculty in posting their credentials on the university website, and encourage them to do so.

Vice President Christie called the question, Past President Daly seconded it, and the motion to accept the Resolution passed.

New Business
1) Interim Report from Past President Bill Daly concerning the Activities of the Sesquicentennial Celebration

Past President Daly reported that Michael Ruffner spoke to the Senate last May concerning plans for this celebration. Ruffner’s replacement, Rusty Jabour, Vice Chancellor of Communications & University Relations, has taken responsibility for this issue. Past President Daly distributed a handout.

Past President Daly is the Faculty Senate representative on University Committee on the LSU Sesquicentennial Celebration One of the goals of the committee is to produce a coffee table book entitled, Treasures of LSU, which provide photographs of, and essays describing, various LSU treasures. The committee solicited submissions for the book several months ago, but more submissions are needed. Laura Lindsay is chair of the committee, and it has received more than 150 applications for inclusion. The deadline is April 15, and more treasures are needed. Two
versions of book will be available, 200 copies of a hardback book will be produced and 2-3000 copies of a softbound book will be produced. If you have ideas, send them to Bill Daly.

Other events are proposed for the celebration. It will open with an academic convocation entitled, “LSU’s impact on the World” for which a world-renowned speaker is sought. This is scheduled for February 2010, so the committee must plan quickly. Suggestions for the speaker are sought, someone with strong academic prestige.

Simultaneously, the committee wants to emphasize the impact LSU has on the world. The committee will present a virtual service event entitled, “LSU Serves the World” which will launch in early 2010 on the web. The goal is to have the entire LSU community report the service they give throughout the world and the United States, hopefully logging 150,000 hours of service. The committee encourages and challenges each department to have their own service projects. The goal is to bring people to the campus and to make them aware of LSU’s presence in the world. The challenge will extend to LSU alumni chapters active in service as well.

Louisiana Public Broadcasting is willing to be involved in a documentary on LSU history, one that is similar to the recently aired, “The Louisiana Story.”

This birthday of this campus is April 30, which is when we moved to this location. All units are asked to plan seminars, symposia and speakers for April 2010. If there is a school anniversary, it can be brought into the plans. FSEC will serve as conduit to the Sesquicentennial Committee. Please send ideas to Bill Daly.

The student celebration for 2010 will be the students’ responsibility.

The Athletic department will do a full-scale homecoming event in the fall of 2010. Our first football game was against Tulane on October 30, 1908, and Homecoming in 2010 will be against Tulane so there will be further celebration that weekend.

A special logo will be developed to identify this celebration, and it will go out with all the publicity for it.

Judith Schiebout encouraged everyone to submit ideas for the Treasure of LSU even if the “treasure” isn’t pretty or obvious. Let your work speak for itself, submit it, then explain.

2) **Interim Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Enforcement of PS–111**

(Prof. Ravi Rau, Committee Chair)

The title of PS-111 is “Consultation with Faculty in Certain Reviews of Administrative Performance.” This Policy Statement indicates that there will be a written report on each chair, each dean, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, and the Provost each year. The focus is on faculty participation, so each year the faculty from all academic units of the chairs and deans are invited to comment, and for the Vice Chancellor and Provost, representative faculty opinion will be gathered. The reviewing officer will report to the faculty of the unit on the evaluation, including a summary of the results. Faculty Senate Resolution 07-05 dictated the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Enforcement of PS–111, and it includes the following members: A Ravi P Rau, Chair, Adelaide Russo, Charles Delzell, Jackie Stephens, Jorge L Aravena and Cornelia Yarbrough.

The committee is charged with evaluating whether PS-111 is being enforced. In January, a request was sent to all administrators for the evaluation documents that have been gathered. In February a reminder was sent to these offices, the committee is waiting for documents from these offices. No reports have been received, the committee has received only one response, and that was from the Provost’s Office, promising that a report is forthcoming.

Senator Pratul Ajmera commented that a written report is required by the PS. Some of the areas are doing spoken reports. This should not be good enough. Dr. Rau agreed, these should be written reports. The committee feels that there should be some uniformity in written response as well.

President Cope thanked the committee and applauded LSU on its faculty governance.
3) Interim Report from Senator Pratul Ajmera concerning the Ad-Hoc University Committee on Computer Privacy

Permanent Memorandum 36 concerns information security at the System Level, but there are relatively few policies concerning information security at the campus level including PS-107, “Use of Computing Resources” and PS-114, “Security of Computing Resources.” There is no policy concerning information privacy. Some departments and Information Technology (IT) personnel say that there is no promise of privacy, others say that individuals have the same privacy as they have with the U.S. mail. Because of these inconsistencies, FSEC discussed the matter with the Provost and Brian Voss, Chief Information Officer. As a result, Senator Ajmera met with Brian Nichols, Chief IT Security & Policy Officer in October 2007. The meeting resulted in the formation of an ad-hoc committee comprising of faculty, staff and administrative personnel.

A computer privacy policy was drafted in short time by this Ad-Hoc University Committee on Computer Privacy. It was forwarded to an IT committee, small modifications were made, and the policy was sent up through the system. When it is approved, it will apply to everyone on campus, including student, staff, and faculty.

Senator Juhan Frank asked, “Who is reviewing and approving this policy?”

Senator Ajmera answered that the policy will be reviewed by the same group as any university policy, the lawyers, and ultimately chancellor. Past President Daly added that the Board of Supervisors will need to approve it as well.

Senator Adelaide Russo asked if it is available now.

Senator Ajmera answered that he will ask Brian Nichols about making it available now. Senators can ask Senator Ajmera and he will provide a paper copy for them. Federal and state laws must be followed carefully and this is a sensitive issue, so copies may not be widely distributed at this time.

President Cope commented that it is a pleasure to work with LSU’s IT department.

President Cope reported that he has received a census of the campus which will indicate the number of senators allowed in each college. We must be sure the elections are properly administered, and that senators are not just appointed by deans.

4) Presentation by the Nominating Committee of the Slate of Nominees for Faculty Senate Officers for the 2008–2009 Senate Term

Per the procedure outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for Senate offices. Senators may also propose additional nominations from the Senate floor.

The nominating committee was made up of Member-at-Large George Stanley, and Senators Dorothy Prowell, Emily Elliott and Bill Armstrong. Bill Armstrong presented the slate of nominees:

Kevin Cope, President
Andrew Christie, Vice President
George Stanley, Secretary
Judith Schiebout, Member-at-Large
Lily Allen, Member-at-Large
Pratul Ajmeria, Member-at-Large

The election will be held at the April meeting. There are only two member-at-large slots open, so this election must be held because there are three nominees for these positions. The third member-at-large comes from the new class. President Cope expressed his thanks to the nominating committee and those expressing an interest in running for the positions.

5) First Reading of Faculty Senate Resolution 08–04, “Mentoring Guidelines and
Faculty Senate Resolution 08–04
Mentoring Guidelines and Procedures from the Commission on the Status of Women
sponsored by Adelaide Russo

WHEREAS it is in the interest of Louisiana State University and in keeping with the Flagship Agenda to recruit and retain highly qualified Faculty, Students and Staff Members

WHEREAS the charge of the Commission on the Status of Women is to report, recommend and initiate policy changes to the Provost on matters pertaining to assuring the optimal conditions for women Faculty, Students and Staff to fulfill their designated roles and contribute effectively to the university

WHEREAS Faculty, Students and Staff should be given every possibility to acquire knowledge of the administrative regulations and professional expectations in their respective disciplines and occupations

WHEREAS the Commission on the Status of Women has examined the structures for mentoring in departments, colleges and units throughout the Baton Rouge campus

WHEREAS in undertaking this study the Commission on the Status of Women has discovered a wide-range of variance in mentoring programs from their total absence to effective well-structured documents on procedures and practices

WHEREAS the Commission on the Status of Women has gathered and evaluated documents and materials on mentoring practices throughout the Baton Rouge campus

WHEREAS Mentoring Reports are not part of the Promotion and Tenure materials as stipulated by PS-36

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following guidelines established for mentoring procedures by the Commission on the Status of Women be presented to the Provost, Chancellor and Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University and be adapted by all units within the Louisiana State University.

The Guidelines for Mentoring Procedures are as follows:
All units should establish Mentoring Committees for all probationary employees including tenure-track assistant professors, and staff members.
The Mentoring Committee should be established in the first semester of the new Faculty member of Staff member’s employment. This Committee should be comprised of three Faculty Members or permanent Staff Members, who work in the same field as the probationary employee and selected by the Department or Unit Chair in consultation with the Faculty or Staff Member for whom the committee is being constituted. At least two tenured faculty members, one of whom must be a full professor shall comprise the committee. In general and especially cases of Faculty with joint appointments or interdisciplinary research interests, the third member of the Mentoring Committee will be selected from the secondary department or unit that most closely corresponds to that interdisciplinary interest. The Faculty or staff member may recommend a committee member outside his or her department. The Faculty member may request a change in the
composition of the committee.

The Mentoring Committee’s charges shall include but not be limited to the following:
Advising the Probationary Faculty or Staff Member about the University’s and the
Department’s requirements for professional advancement, especially informing the
candidate about the requirements set forth in PS36 and other pertinent policy statements;
Advising the candidate about internal and external grant opportunities and reading grant
applications; Advising the Faculty Member about technical support for teaching and
helping the new Faculty Member by observing classes; Advising the probationary
Faculty or Staff Member on the aspects of their profession that will assure their success
in professional advancement.

The Mentoring Committee should meet formally with the candidate at least once each semester and prepare
an annual report documenting the activities of the mentoring
committee that will be forwarded to the Department Chair, Unit Head or Supervisor and
or Departmental Reappointments Committees.

Senator Patrick McGee moved to accept, Senator Su-Seng Pang seconded, discussion began. Senator Jeremy King
applauded the idea, but believes that the details are problematic. Many units do not have enough full faculty
members for the procedure as described. Also, many faculty have an interdisciplinary focus and need wider
representation on the committee. Senator Russo agreed that the rules for the constitution of the committee should be
more general.

Senator Ronald Malone asked if this was part of PS-36. Senator Russo answered that this policy is to aid in
professional advancement, rather than being part of the tenure and promotion procedure. Senator Malone reiterated
that a more generalized approach would help the document and asked why the resolution includes faculty and staff.
Senator Russo replied that some units, the library in particular, have staff rather than faculty, but that they have a
tenuring process. Lois Kuyper-Rushing interjected that those in tenure track positions at the library are in faculty
positions, Senator Russo replied that she meant that they are not teaching faculty. A comment was made that the
probationary period for staff is only ninety days, so it would be difficult to mentor people in these positions
according to this policy.

Senator Lisa Johnson asked about those who can be promoted but not tenured. Senator Russo asked that Senator
Johnson send suggested wording to Senator Russo for inclusion in the resolution so that all those who are in position
for professional advancement can benefit.

Senator McGee supports the idea of more flexibility. He commented that if formalized mentoring is required, it
gives the idea of another review, and for some tenure track faculty it will seem like more pressure rather than
support.

Senator Su-Seng Pang wondered if formal or informal is mentoring better. Some faculty don’t want to force
relationships. Senator Russo claimed that the document takes care of this by defining the mentoring relationship as
a “consultation.”

Stacia Hayne, Dean of the Graduate School, reported that Provost has reinstated the Commission on the Status of
Women, and that this body should address the hiring of couples, family leave and mentoring programs.

Vice President Christie believes that the whole faculty should be involved with mentoring, and he stated that he is
opposed to the proposal.

Senator Russo will adjust the document in keeping with the discussion and will return for a second hearing at the
April meeting.

6) Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Benefits (Vice-President
Andrew Christie), with possible first reading of Faculty Senate Resolution 08–05
(to accept and endorse the Committee recommendations)
Vice President Christie opened this discussion by explaining that System President Lombardi opened a discussion with the Louisiana campuses concerning tuition waivers benefits. At LSU, an ad hoc committee (The Ad-Hoc Committee on Tuition Benefits for Faculty, Their Dependents, and Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq) was developed to discuss this issue, Vice President Christie was named as chair of the committee.

Vice President Christie thanked the committee members, Senators Chip Delzell, Dottie Vaughn, Jeffrey Tiger, Paul LaRock and Wanda Hargroder. Vice President Christie explained that the committee is divided in its opinion concerning tuition benefits. Senator Delzell asserted that when he heard that President Lombardi suggested a new benefit, he assumed there was funding available for that benefit. After asking Assistant Vice President Robert Rasmussen, he discovered there is no money for this benefit, and the burden will fall on the campus where students receiving the benefit are enrolled. LSU would attract the majority of these students, and it would be a financial burden.

Vice President Christie reported that the committee is in favor of this with the exception of Senator Delzell. He suggested that the benefits advisory committee is the place for this to be deliberated. The ad hoc committee isn’t equipped to consider all benefits. The committee had several recommendations for this issue. First, faculty and staff must be treated equally in terms of tuition waivers for dependent family members. Second, students should not benefit from TOPS as well as a tuition waiver. Third, this should be available to LSU dependents only, not dependents of other university faculty and staff. The committee recommends that residency requirements need to be established, that tuition waivers are available to LSU faculty and staff, spouses and children, only, not to other members of the family, and that these waivers apply to undergraduate and graduate education. Vice President Christie reported that Senator Paul Larock brought up military veterans in Afghanistan and Iraq. There are practical difficulties with this, because there are people all over the world, why would only the Afghanistan and Iraq veterans be included? Vice President Christie believes that the problem needs to go to a standing committee rather than an ad hoc committee.

Senator Malone made a motion to table this and to send it to the Benefits Committee, and the motion was seconded. Senator Erwin Poliakoff asked for more details concerning undergraduate or graduate, which he believes is too “bundled” now.

Senator McGee supported the idea of sending this to the standing committee, but he suggested that the Senate should not vote against the issue simply because there is no funding, rather, we need to consider the issue and then seek funding. He continued by saying there are several issues in this that need to be considered separately.

President Cope explained that the request for this comes from the system, so we need to show some kind of motion for the benefit of the system. He asked Vice President Christie if we could move to accept his report and to refer it to the Benefits Committee for further deliberation.

Senator Licata stated that the original intent was broader, including tuition forgiveness from other universities, and vice versa. President Cope explained that Lombardi did make that suggestion and others. Vice President Christie explained that here are questions the ad hoc committee can’t answer.

Senator Malone clarified that his motion was to table the motion, there was a friendly amendment to refer it to the Benefits Committee and debate it next month after the committee reports back, and he accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

7) Other New Business from the Senate Floor

a) Member-at-Large Judith Schiebout requests an informational vote concerning whether faculty want to be able to go to the Faculty Club for midmorning or afternoon coffee? The response was negative.

b) First reading of Resolution 08-06. Senator Vince LiCata, member of a joint committee of senators from student, staff, faculty senates, sponsored this resolution requesting a half-day vacation time on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving. Also still pending is Resolution 08-03, which is a resolution to move LSU’s spring break to the week after Easter. Resolution 08-03 also will require that there be a half day vacation on the Wednesday after...
Mardi Gras rather than a full day. Senator LiCata also noted that the Student Senate plans on voting on two similar resolutions and that the information on the student votes should be available by the April Faculty Senate meeting.

**LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 08-06**

**Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

*Introduced by Vince LiCata*

Whereas the LSU Thanksgiving Holiday Break currently includes Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday; and

Whereas LSU Students have expressed frustration with having to travel on Thanksgiving, since the day before is not an LSU class holiday; and

Whereas the precedent exists at LSU of suspending classes before or after 12:30pm on up to one day in a semester, while still counting that day as part of the required total class days in a semester; and

Whereas the Student Senate has requested such a change for the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving:

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate, in support of student requests, recommends suspension of classes after 12:30pm on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving, coupled with no other changes in the University calendar.

Senator LiCata moved to accept the resolution, Senator Nicholas Apostolu seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

President Cope indicated that time had run out, Senator Apostolu motioned to adjourn, Senator Jeffrey Tiger seconded, the motion carried, and President Cope adjourned the meeting.