FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 1983
3:00 p.m.
Vieux Carre Room, LSU Union

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the meeting: February 16, 1983

2. Address by State Representative Carl Crane (faculty member in LSU Department of Social Welfare) on the upcoming Legislative Session, budget outlook, and prospects for LSU from a legislator's view.

3. Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 82-1 (attached)

4. Report of Senate Nominating Committee; nominations from the floor

5. President's Report

6. Old Business

7. New Business

If you are unable to attend this meeting of the Faculty Senate, please refer to Article VI, Appendix b, page 44 of the Faculty Handbook (1981-82 edition) for alternate representation.
MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MARCH 15, 1983

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) ( * proxies)

✓ Paul Abel ✓ Helen Fante ✓ Bob Miller
✓ Louis Archbold ✓ Martin Fassat ✓ Don Morrow
✓ Ozer Armas ✓ John Fitzsimmons ✓ James Oliver
✓ James Babin ✓ Paul Fassie ✓ Paul Paskoff
✓ Thomas Bidner ✓ Roy Goodrich(sabbatical) ✓ Kenneth Paxton
✓ Edward Blomsey ✓ Leo Goodrow ✓ John Pennypacker
✓ David Blouin ✓ Jack Guarry ✓ Anna Perrault
✓ James Bolter ✓ Edward Henderson ✓ Herbert Rosenbach
✓ Hugh Braymer ✓ Sam Hilliard ✓ Simon Shane
✓ Roger Burford ✓ Paul Humes ✓ Marion Socolofsky
✓ Joseph Callaway(for Goodrich) ✓ William Johnson ✓ William Stickley
✓ Annia Canaday ✓ Art Kaple ✓ Yehmat Tunay
✓ Edwin Chubbuck ✓ Ronald Kneus ✓ George Heath
✓ William Clarke ✓ Donald Kraft ✓ Leslie Kayepeck
✓ Patrick Crawford ✓ Tillie Krieger ✓ Charles Whitchurch
✓ Vernon Daigle ✓ Virgil Lee ✓ Virginia Loy
✓ Michael Daughtry ✓ Norvin Linhart ✓ Still Williams
✓ John Davidson ✓ Patrick Lipscott ✓ Wayne Womack
✓ James Dorroh ✓ Robert Martin ✓ Terry Worshy
✓ Peggy Draughn ✓ Samuel Meyers ✓ Tasos Naoumian
✓ Edward Dunigan ✓

PROXIES:

Senator Canaday for Senator Clarke
Senator Lipscott for Senator Paskoff
Senator Paxton for Senator Johnson
Senator Willikers for Senator Gassie
Senator Whitaker for Senator Henderson
Senator Chubbuck for Senator Tunay

President Babin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Carl Crane, Professor Pierre Hart, Ron Terry, and press representatives Darryl Callouet, Mary Krousebett, Wiktoring, and Laurie Smith.

Parliamentarian for the meeting was Senator Bolter.

1. Approval of Minutes of the meeting February 16, 1983 There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Address by State Representative Carl Crane

The Legislative Fiscal Office has proposed that LSU have 70% of formula funding, instead of the 86% proposed earlier. The funding formula has been modified, however, so that this level of funding restores the 4.4% budget cut of last fall and provides approximately 6.6 million dollars to be divided among all the universities in the state. The result, essentially, is a standstill budget. Thus, the financial picture for LSU is grim.

A 150 million dollar shortfall is anticipated by the state for the rest of 1983 caused by sagging revenues from oil and mineral deposits and the general depressed state of the economy. Mr. Crane said there will be no more windfalls and that state agencies must explore alternate funding possibilities such as development of the state’s fishing industry and seek to attract high tech industry to the state. The LSU faculty expertise could be very helpful in developing the maximum potential of the alternate industries, and he encourages all faculty to help.

3. Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 82-1 Since the content of Faculty Senate Resolution 82-1 was discussed and approved at the February meeting of the Senate, a motion to suspend Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution ("No final action will be taken on any item...that has not previously appeared on an agenda...") was made by Senator Bolter, seconded by Senator Oliver, and passed.

A motion to accept Faculty Senate Resolution 82-1 was made by Senator Canaday, seconded by Senator Bolter, and passed unanimously.
The Faculty Senate endorses the report of its Library Committee "Towards a Top-Thirty Library" and requests that the university administration:

1. Prepare a detailed program to provide adequate funding to develop the LSU Middleton Library into a top thirty library within a reasonable and specified time. The program should clearly state responsibilities, objectives, a schedule for meeting those objectives, and a plan of action.

2. Present a report on the development of the program to the Faculty Senate at its first meeting in the fall of 1983; present the program itself to the Senate when It is developed; and review progress on the program annually thereafter until the goal is realized.

The Faculty Senate and the Library Committee affirm our willingness to aid, however we can, the university administration, the library staff, and other appropriate parties to foster, develop, and implement this program.

4. Report of Senate Nominating Committee

The Faculty Senate Nominating Committee, composed of John Davidson, chairman, James Bolivar, Helen Fant, and Bob Miller selected the following slate of nominees for election to Senate offices for 1983-84:

President: James Rabin
Simon Shane
Secretary: John M. Fitzsimmons
Tillie Krieger
Vice-President: Kenneth Paxton
Charles Whitehurst
Executive Committee
(at large members): Ed Blomeyer
Samuel Meyers
Terry Worthy

There were no nominations from the floor.

5. President's Report

Concerning the proposed Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a letter was written to W.H. McDougal that contained the questions raised during the February meeting of the Faculty Senate and making several recommendations concerning specific provisions. In his response, Dr. McDougal expressed his appreciation for the Senate's comments and recommendations, and agreed to address the questions when they are available. At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the concept of the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan and sent it to a committee to recommend specific benefit provisions.

A recommendation concerning the SGA Teacher/Course Evaluation was sent to Vice Chancellor Hargrave with the changes proposed by Senators at the last meeting. Our report stressed that if the pilot evaluation procedure should later be considered for regular use, it should be implemented only as part of a designed, integrated university-wide program for improvement of instruction, which would require establishing an office for Faculty Development. Also, procedures of evaluation for tenure, promotion, and merit raises should be modified to give greater weight to effective teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Improvement of Instruction Committee has developed a survey of faculty perceptions concerning instruction and areas for improvement. Pending approval of funding, this questionnaire will be distributed to the faculty.

Revisions to the proposed PS-8 are still being worked on. We are concerned particularly to have a grievance procedure specifically appropriate to faculty members, which, we believe, requires insuring the autonomy of the Senate Grievance Committee and its regular participation in investigating formal faculty grievances and recommending actions to be taken. Members of the administration working on the revision have been sympathetic to our concern and cooperative in attending to them.

To allow for more direct communication between faculty members and administrators, Vice Chancellor Hargrave is having weekly breakfast meetings. At the first meeting, the Senate Executive Committee met with her and discussed such issues as teacher loads and recognition of faculty for service. Vice Chancellor Hargrave asked the Committee's advice and help in increasing attendance at the Faculty Council meetings. Among other suggestions, the Committee recommended a change in the format of the meeting, with perhaps a "State of the University" address by the Chancellor, followed by a discussion or question-and-answer session. We ask for other suggestions on this matter.

There will be two more Faculty Forums this spring: on Wednesday, March 22, with Dr. Claude Fischer; and Wednesday, April 20, with Dr. Forrest Desirian. The previous Forums have been very interesting, and all are encouraged to attend.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

A motion to seek representatives of the Sabbatical Committee to give a report to the Senate on policy and procedures was made by Senator Whitaker, seconded by Senator Lipscomb, and passed.

There being no further business, President Rabin adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Simon M. Shane, Secretary