The Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 4, 2001

Comments by Chancellor Mark Emmert
• Review of this year's achievements and areas of continued concern.

Comments by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Daniel Fogel
• LSU Master Plan and IT Master Plan
• Status of Searches for Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Students.
• Review of this year's academic successes.

President's Report
• Issues for next year.
• State Employees Group Benefits and other legislative action.
• Committee updates.

Old Business
• Second reading of SR 01-14, requesting that Provost form a committee to revise policy on review of administrators, by Faculty Senator Carol Barry. Resolution passed unanimously.
• Second reading of SR 01-13, requesting that the Graduate Dean and Graduate Council present policies on Graduate Faculty, by Faculty Senator Patrick McGee. Revised resolution passed unanimously.

New Business
• Committee elections
  - Faculty Grievance Committee: Carol Barry, Elaine Smyth, and Roger Seals. Alternate: Patrick McGee.
  - Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities representatives: Irene DiMaio, Fran Lawrence.
  - Review and Long Range Planning Committee: Richard Inlay, Emilly Batinski
  - Budget Committee: Jim Richardson, Fran Lawrence
  - Ad Hoc Collective Bargaining Committee: Fereydoun Aghazadeh (Engineering), Carol Barry (Library & Information Science), Mark Johnson (Agriculture), Erwin Poliakoff (Basic Sciences), Jill Suitor (Arts & Sciences), and Patrick McGee (Arts & Sciences)
• First reading of FS 01-15, that the LSU administration evaluate scheduling classes on the hour and half hour, by Faculty Senator Fereydoun Aghazadeh. Rules suspended and resolution passed.
• Statement concerning Hill Farm and the LSU Master Plan, by Robert Mirabello (Horticulture).

Faculty Senate Minutes
May 4, 2001

Meeting called to order at 3:01 p.m. Invited guests included Chancellor Mark Emmert; Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Daniel Fogel; Karen Denby (Dean of Enrollment Management, Office of Academic Affairs); Robert Doolos (Office of the University Registrar); John Larkin (Associate Dean, Graduate School); Dorothy Prowell (Graduate Council); Michelle Massé (English and WGS); Anna K. Naido (English); and Robert Mirabello (Horticulture). Proxies were announced. April 10 minutes were approved as read.
Chancellor's Comments. Chancellor Emmert reviewed achievements of the last year as well as areas of continuing concern. Faculty and student performance has been good despite the institution's resource problems. Freshman retention and the six-year graduate rate have both increased, student awards are high, and LSU is on track to bring in over $100 million in research funds this year, with increased NIH and NSF funding. The Chancellor expressed concern about the quality of the physical plant. Nevertheless, the Life Science Annex is near completion, Nicholson Hall is well underway, and $6 million of the $9 million needed for the Gym Armory has already been raised. Work on the Music and Dramatic Arts Building, Mass Comm Building, Hodges Hall, Hatcher Hall, and the Huey P. Long Field House are being planned. LSU made modest progress fiscally last year with the implementation of the Academic Excellence Fee, the first tuition increase since 1992, and a 4% faculty/staff pay raise. An additional 5% raise is now making its way through the legislature. However, funding for special initiatives (i.e., Information Technology) is a long way from passage. The Chancellor's "Access to Excellence" model (to limit LSU enrollment while bringing its funding to the Southern Regional Average) has thus far received fairly good reviews. In response to a question, the Chancellor stated that the Day Care facility is in the design stages and bond issuance for the project is anticipated in the near future.

Comments by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Fogel. Provost Fogel noted that the new plaza in front of the Union is an example of the improvements that will be generated by the Campus Master Plan, but stated that the Plan is still in the "idea generating" stages. Some of these ideas will be provocative, and are meant to generate thought and discussion. The Provost also stated that the IT Master Plan consultants have submitted a draft report. He reported that there are two good candidates for the Vice Chancellor of Research and that one should visit campus again during the week of May 7. In addition, the Dean of Students search is going well. The Residential College had good year-end assessments, and there are now 50 formal service learning courses. The Provost is exploring the idea of developing an Undergraduate Council to enhance undergraduate education in a unified way across campus. In response to a question about opportunities to interact with Smith Group JRR, the Provost stated that their next visit will be in the fall, but in the meantime faculty could contact Laura Lindsey (aclind@lsu.edu), who is on the Master Plan working group.

President's Comments. President Kestner reviewed the work and accomplishments of the Faculty Senate over the last year. Next year the Faculty Senate will likely work on PS 36, new admissions standards for 2004, the LSU Master Plan and the IT Master Plan. In an update of the State Employees Group Benefits Program (SEGBP), President Kestner announced that bills are currently being considered to modify SEGBP's administrative structure and to remove its power to set rates and benefits. There is also legislation to increase the state contribution into SEGBP to 75% in the next three years. In other legislation, the number of Carnegie high school units needed to be eligible for TOPS increased from 16.5 to 18.5. In addition, HCR 75 (Darwinism and racism resolution) is currently before the House. The Bookstore Oversight Committee has met twice, and the Committee to Review Administrative Services (e.g., accounting, travel) will soon be formed. Information on Faculty Senate Standing Committees will be distributed within the next few weeks.

Old Business. SR 01-14, requesting that the Provost form a committee to revise policy on review of administrators (second reading, complete text attached). Presented by Faculty Senator Carol Barry. The resolution passed unanimously.

SR 01-13, requesting that the Graduate Dean and Graduate Council present policies on Graduate Faculty (second reading, complete revised text attached). Presented by Faculty Senator Pat McGee. John Larkin, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, made a few comments about the Graduate Council. The Council was established by the Board of Supervisors, who mandated that the Council review all applications for graduate faculty membership. Most of those who spoke in favor of the resolution were concerned with clarifying process and policy used. Two amendments passed, and the resolution passed unanimously.
New Business. **Committee elections.** Carol Barry, Elaine Smyth and Roger Seals were elected to the Faculty Grievance Committee. Patrick McGee will serve as alternate. Irene DiMaio and Fran Lawrence were elected as representatives the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities. Richard Imlay and Emily Batinski were elected to the Review and Long Range Planning Committee, and Jim Richardson and Fran Lawrence were elected to the Budget Committee. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee presented a slate of nominees for the Ad Hoc collective bargaining committee. Patrick McGee (Arts & Sciences) was added to the members provided, which included Fereydoun Aghazadeh (Engineering), Carol Barry (Library & Information Science), Mark Johnson (Agriculture), Erwin Pollakoff (Basic Sciences), and Jill Suitor (Arts & Sciences), and the Faculty Senate approved the committee membership.

**FS 01-15.** that the LSU administration evaluate scheduling classes on the hour and half hour (first reading, revised text attached). Presented by Faculty Senator Fereydoun Aghazadeh. Senator Aghazadeh stated that class times and meeting times are out of phase, which causes confusion. He would like the administration to evaluate the possibility of scheduling classes on the hour and half-hour. A motion to suspend the rules passed and the resolution passed.

**Hill Farm.** Senator Paul Wilson introduced Robert Mirabello, a horticulture instructor, who spoke about proposals in the LSU Master Plan to turn Hill Farm into a parking lot for the Alumni Center, and a north-south campus road. He argued that Hill Farm is not only critical to instruction in his department, but also is of historic importance to LSU.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Anderson, Secretary

Faculty Senate Meeting minutes and transcripts and agenda are available at: http://www.lsu.edu/guests/senate/public_html/index.htm
Senate Resolution SR 01-13 (revised)

Whereas most matters relating to faculty status are carefully delineated in PS-36 and other policy statements; and

Whereas PS-36 in particular deals with detailed procedures concerning rank, promotion, and tenure issues; and

Whereas no such written procedures currently govern the actions of the Graduate Council regarding graduate faculty status, a key element in a faculty member’s professional status and promotion eligibility;

Therefore the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University requests that the Provost require the Dean of the Graduate School and Graduate Council to develop and present to the Faculty Senate and the university community a detailed set of policies about graduate faculty status modeled on PS-36 regarding (but not limited to) its committee charge, composition, procedures, meeting schedule, reporting deadlines, evaluation criteria, and appeal process.
Senate Resolution SR 01-14

Whereas the Council of Policy Committees has completed a report that critiques and comments on SR 90-14, which called for revision of the current policies governing the bi-annual evaluations of Deans and Department Chairs, as well as the current Policy Statement (PS 35), which governs the review of administrative, professional and other academic staff, and

Whereas this report stated that current policies and procedures for evaluating Deans and Chairs need to be revised in order to provide a more consistent and comprehensive evaluation of administrative performance, and

Whereas this report includes specific recommendations on changes that should be made to current policy;

Therefore the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University requests that the Provost form a committee to revise sections of PS 35 concerning the evaluation of Deans and Chairs. The Faculty Senate also requests that at least half of the members of this committee be faculty in non-administrative positions.

Faculty Senate Resolution 01-15

Whereas, the classes at LSU are scheduled to meet at 10 or 40 minutes past the hour, and

Whereas, all meetings and other events start on the hour or half past the hour, and

Whereas this situation creates confusion,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests the LSU Administration to evaluate the possibility of scheduling classes to meet on the hour and half past the hour.
FACULTY SENATE MEETING ATTENDANCE

✓ =Present, * =Proxy

✓ Rezeydoun Aghazadeh
✓ Carol Barry
✓ John Battista
✓ Jack Beggs
✓ Mark Benfield
✓ Abe Biswas
✓ Ruth Bowman
✓ Kevin Carman
✓ Jeffrey Clayton
✓ Pat Crawford
✓ Mary Lou Cutrera
✓ Leanne Daniels
✓ Don Deis
* Ken Denny
✓ Irene Di Maio
✓ R. Prakash Dixit
✓ Sylvie Dubois
✓ Phillip Elzer
✓ Paul Farnsworth
✓ Martin Feldman
✓ Wayne M. Gauthier
✓ James P. Geaghan
✓ Andreas Giger
✓ Marge Gill
✓ Charles Grenier
✓ Abner Hammond
✓ Cynthia Handel
✓ Stephen A. Harrison
✓ Dan Hillmann
✓ Richard Imlay
✓ Stuart Irvine
✓ Mark K. Johnson
* Christopher Kenny
✓ Joan M. King
✓ David Kirshner
✓ Richard Kurtz
✓ Fran Lawrence
✓ Sarah Liggett
✓ Andrew Maverick
✓ Carroll Mathews
✓ Patrick McGee
✓ O. Carruth McGeehe
✓ Thomasine Mencer
✓ Jeff Perry
✓ Perry Prestholdt
✓ Jim Richardson

✓ T.L. Ritchie
✓ John Rodrigue
✓ Frank Rusciano
✓ Bhava Sarker
* Rebecca Saunders
✓ Barbara Shane
* Rick Shaw
✓ Marcus Sherrell
* Charles L. Shilling
✓ Elaine Smyth
✓ George Stanley
✓ Dianne Taylor
✓ Dek Terrell
✓ William Thompson
✓ Geoffrey Turnbull
✓ George Voyiadjis
✓ Bill Waters
* Stephen Watson
✓ Michael Welsch
✓ Paul W. Wilson
✓ Andrew Wojtanowicz
✓ Peter Wolenski

PROXIES:
* Kevin Carman for John Battista
* Thomasine Mencer for Ken Denny
* Jack Beggs for Christopher Kenny
* Paul Farnsworth for Rebecca Saunders
* Mark Benfield for Rick Shaw
* Mark Johnson for Charles Shilling
* Carruth McGeehe for Stephen Watson

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