MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MAY 3, 1996

ATTENDANCE:  (✓ present)  (* proxy)

* Nigel Allan  ✓ Sam E. Feagley  ✓ Frances Lawrence  ✓ Barun Sen Gupta
* William Archambault  ✓ Marion P. Fletcher  ✓ Tom Lester  Peter Soderbergh
* Althea Ashe  ✓ Carol Foll  ✓ Larry Longstreth  ✓ Neal Stoltzfus
Mary Balchazar  ✓ Lane Foll  ✓ Robert McIlhenny  ✓ L. Lee Southern
Adam Bourgoyne  ✓ Michelle Gallrich  ✓ Norma Martin  ✓ Peter McIlvaine
Penthesia Broughton  ✓ Gary Glinter  ✓ Michelle Masse  ✓ Harriet Taylor
* Griffen Campbell  ✓ Robert Hausey  ✓ James Miller  ✓ Charles Teddie
* Michael Carpenter  ✓ Jan Herlinger  ✓ Robert Neuman  ✓ Joel Tihline
George Catalan  ✓ Dan Hillmann  ✓ Kenneth Orbach  ✓ Emily Toth
Russell Chapman  ✓ Doug Holt  ✓ Dorothy Pashley  ✓ Suzanne Turner
Doo-Youn Cho  ✓ Tom Hoste  ✓ Michael Pitts  ✓ Steven Weintraub
* Neai Cronin  ✓ Seth Johnson  ✓ Ralph Portier  ✓ James Werbel
* Wm. Culbertson  ✓ James Kelsier  ✓ Gene Reagan  ✓ James Wharton
Thomas Dietz  ✓ Gerald Kennedy  ✓ Malcolm Richardson  ✓ Charles Wilson
* Irene Di Maio  ✓ Ralph Kinney  ✓ Milton Rush  ✓ Selma Zebouni
* Suzann Doman  ✓ David Kirshner  ✓ Arnold Saxton
Gresna Doty  ✓ William Lane

PROXIES:  Senator Broughton for Senator Masse
Senator Broughton for Senator Toth
Senator Kennedy for Senator Richardson
Don Scott for Senator Archambeault
Senator Werbel for Senator Orbach
Senator Weintraub for Senator Keisler

President Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Dean Mechee (Academic Services), Kirt Bennett, Laurie White, and Kyle Ardoin (SEA members), and press representative Clancy Solleau.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of April 19, 1996  There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report  There was no President's Report.

3. Acceptance of Faculty Senate Committee Reports  A motion to accept the Committee Reports collectively was made, seconded and passed.
   - Faculty Senate Report No. 89-7, Committee on the University Press
   - 89-8, Committee on the Library
   - 89-9, Committee on Admissions, Standards, and Honors
   - 89-10, Committee on Student Recruiting and Retention
   - 89-11, Committee on Improvement of Instruction
   - 89-12, Committee on General Education

4. Election of members of the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees (4 to be elected)  There were no nominations from the floor. Nominated were Peggy Chalanor (Library), Richard Corstvet (Med), Gresna Doty (A & S), Abner Hammond (Agr), Manjit Kang (Agr), James Keiser (A & S), Kenneth Kitchell (A & S), Margaret Reams (Env Stu), Joe Ricapito (A & S), Barun Sen Gupta (Basic Science).
   - Gresna Doty, Abner Hammond, Margaret Reams, and Barun Sen Gupta were elected.

5. Election of members of the Faculty Grievance Committee (3 to be elected)  There were no nominations from the floor. Nominated were F. A. Al-Bagdadi (Med), Richard Corstvet (Med), 2 choice, Carol Foll (Med), Manjit Kang (Agr), 2 choice, Katherine Reins (A & S).
   - Richard Corstvet, Carol Foll, and Katherine Paine were elected.

6. Election of members of the Review & Long Range Planning Committee (1 to be elected)  There were no nominations from the floor. Nominated were William Metcalf (Basic Science), Michael Pitts (Design), Steve Weintraub (A & S).
   - Steve Weintraub was elected.

7. Old Business  There was no Old Business.

8. New Business  Report from the Space Utilization Committee - Ralph Portier  Senator Portier was out of town, so there was no report.
Presentation of Faculty Senate Resolution 89-17 (proposed policy for dropping courses)

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 89-17

WHEREAS, at least 71 percent of all grades recorded for undergraduates at LSU are "W" grades, and

WHEREAS, in fully subscribed courses, each grade of "W" represents a position that could have been assigned to a student who was closed out of the course, and

WHEREAS, the 71 percent drop rate represents poor allocation of LSU's limited resources, and

WHEREAS, students have preregistration, registration and late registration to supplement and modify their course schedules, and

WHEREAS, students may withdraw from courses without penalty of "W" grades through the fourteenth class day, and

WHEREAS, the current "W" policy is not consistent with Faculty Senate Resolution 87-1, which was prescriptive rather than advisory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the catalog changes below be made in the current catalog statement on dropping courses, to take effect Fall, 1991.

Proposed Policy for Dropping Courses

This copy to replace the section titled, "Adding or Dropping Courses," p. 44 of LSU General Catalog

Adding or Dropping Courses

To avoid schedule changes after the official registration period, students are encouraged to plan each semester's course work in consultation with their academic advisers. Any schedule changes should be made as soon as possible after the beginning of classes.

How to drop a course without receiving a grade of "W" (Withdrawal): Through the sixth class day, courses may be added, dropped, or sections changed, using the telephone registration system. After the sixth class day, students may initiate course drops using a form available in their college dean's office. Through the fourteenth class day, students may drop courses without receiving a grade of "W."

Grades of "W." A grade of "W" will be entered on a student's record for any course dropped between the fourteenth class day and the final date for resigning from the University and/or dropping courses. The latter is specified in the academic calendar.

Effective with the beginning of the 1991-92 academic year, students will be allowed to drop courses within the following limits:

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Unused drops may be carried forward from one interval to the next. These limits apply solely to courses dropped between the fourteenth class day and the last date to drop a course. There is no limit on courses dropped before the fourteenth class day.

Drops used under these provisions are uncontested: that is, a student need not show evidence of a need to drop a course. However, students are urged to use these drops judiciously.

Grades of "HW" (Hardship withdrawal). If medical problems or other circumstances beyond the student's control justify dropping a course, the student must submit a written request for an exception, along with supporting evidence, to the dean of the college. When granted, these exceptions will be recorded as hardship drops ("HW") on the transcript.

Students may drop all courses by withdrawing from the University according to the guidelines in the section, "Resignation from the University." Those withdrawals do not count against the limits set above.

There was a lengthy discussion mostly concerning the hardship this would cause the students. SGA President Kirt Bennett said that it was unfair to introduce this during "dead week" as the students would be too busy studying to organize against the Resolution. Most of the Senators who spoke were against at least part of the Resolution. It was brought out that on an average most students drop 5 courses, that students with low GPA are not prepared for in depth courses, the graduation rate is only 38 to 40%, some students find it hard to get in some courses, etc. Senator Kirshan moved that the number of drops be doubled. There was no second. A motion to vote on Resolution 89-17 today was made by Senator Wharton, seconded, and passed. Senator Sen Gupta called the question and Resolution 89-17 failed.
Proposed Policy for Enrolling in 34 Hours

(This copy to replace the section titled, "Maximum Credit Load for Undergraduates," P. 47 of LSU General Catalog)

MAXIMUM CREDIT LOAD FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Each college establishes the number of semester hours of course work required in each year of its curricula. Students may register for a maximum of three semester hours beyond the number prescribed for the current semester in their curriculum if, during the preceding semester, they maintained a 3.0 GPA average with no grade lower than "C." Students meeting these requirements may register for as many as 21 hours of degree credit in a regular semester or 18 hours in a summer term.

Under certain circumstances students may enroll in as many as 24 hours of degree credit in a regular semester or 12 hours in a summer term. The requirements are as follows:

1. The student has earned at least 30 credits at LSU.
2. The student has at least a 3.5 GPA for all college work attempted and all work attempted at LSU.
3. The student completed at least 12 hours the preceding semester in residence.
4. The student has no "W" grade for any courses the preceding semester in residence.
5. The student may register for the extra hours only after grades for the preceding semester have been recorded.

To be classified as full-time, students must register for at least 12 semester hours of work in a regular semester or six hours in a summer term. Full-time students who are doing unsatisfactory work because of a heavy academic load may be required by the dean of their college to drop one or more courses, provided such action does not change their full-time status.

There was a discussion. A motion to vote on Resolution 89-18 at that time was made by Senator Lane, seconded by Senator Broughton, and passed. The question was called by Senator San Gupta, and the Resolution passed.

Presentation of Faculty Senate Resolution 89-19

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 89-19

WHEREAS, the requirement that "the full advisory committee [of a doctoral student] usually consists of at least five members of the major department..." (Graduate Catalog, 1989-90, p. 53) is vague; and

WHEREAS, increasing the size of an advisory committee to include members from other disciplines can result in an unwieldy large committee, and

WHEREAS, interdisciplinary research at the doctoral level should be encouraged, rather than discouraged; and

WHEREAS, control of doctoral work by the major department can be assured through simple majority representation on the advisory committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends to the Graduate Faculty that the regulations concerning the composition of doctoral advisory committees be amended to include "the full advisory committee [of a doctoral student] consists of at least five members including a simple majority from the major department..."

There was a discussion; a vote was called, and Faculty Senate Resolution 89-19 passed.

Presentation of Faculty Senate Resolution 89-20

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 89-20

WHEREAS, the awarding of degrees at LSU should remain the prerogative of the qualified Faculty, and

WHEREAS, the degree of Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters is a prestigious award that reflects upon the standards of scholarship and service that LSU wishes to promote, and

WHEREAS, the administration of former President Ronald Reagan aggressively sought to reduce funding for education and to restrict the free exchange of ideas and pursuit of excellence in the Sciences and Humanities by reason of a partisan program that ran counter to wishes of a great number of scholars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty of LSU records its dissatisfaction with the lack of consultation which led to the Board of Supervisors’ decision to award Ronald Reagan an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and wishes to dissociate itself from the event of investiture of that award.

To be voted on at this meeting a 2/3 majority of Senators was necessary. A motion to vote on the Resolution was made. There was not a 2/3 majority so the Resolution failed.

Jim Smith spoke on the 5 year vesting that was before the Legislature. The Legislature has passed the bill but it will not become effective until September 30, 1998 and only employees hired after that date would be eligible. Senator Broughton moved that a specifically composed letter pointing out the inconsistencies be sent to Representative Bell. The motion passed.

Their being no further business, President Kinney adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be September 12, 1998, in the Achenbach Room of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. A. Broughton, Secretary