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President's Report

VC Jenkins has appointed Deans Carpenter, Roeder and McLoughlin to the committee with Senate representatives Collier, Van Fleet and Kinney to work on the revision of PS-36. Assoc VC Dan Fogel has appointed a committee to study summer school; members are James Honeycutt (Speach Com), Bill Daly (Chem), Alan Marshak (Elec Eng), Danny Wallace (SLIS), Larry Pierce (Dean Ed), Greg Hussey (As Dean, Basic Sci), Pierre Hart (As Dean, A&S), Julius Landlineis (As Dean, Eng), Bob Kuhn (Bus Affairs), Bob Dooley (Records & Regis), and Dan Mann (As Dean, Business).

Most openings on Senate committees for 1994-5 have been filled; Pat Lipscomb and Committee on Committees were thanked. Low complete programs LSU tried to justify before the Board of Regents were approved, but programs falling below criteria will in the future automatically initiate elimination procedures. A subcommittee of the Code of Student Conduct Committee has been appointed by VC for Student Services to look at the minimum sanctions for academic dishonesty; faculty members are Bob McIlhenny (Indust Eng), Ken Paxton (Ag Econ), and Nate Bennett (Management). An AAUP handout on faculty workload was distributed.

Other Reports

Pat Culbertson, Chair of the Athletic Council, presented what he hopes will be an annual report on the Council's activities. Graduation for LSU athletes (6 yr basis) increased from 35% (1987/88) to 49% (1988/89); football (5 yr basis) increased from 33% (1987/88) to 41% (1988/89). Athlete GPAs were 2.4 (Spring 93) and 2.55 (Fall 93); 96 athletes had > 3.0 and 42 were on dean's list (> 3.5). The improvement has been credited to the Academic Center for Athletes and Dr. Tommy Keram. They are increasing mainlining athletes in classes with non-athletes and the ACA reports to the Provost, not the Athletic Dept. Culbertson replaced retiring chair Sam Hilliard; Frances Lawrence (Hum Ecol) and Amelia Lee (Kinesiol) filled other vacancies, improving the diversity of the Council. The Council has reviewed and revised the objectives and goals of the Athletic Department and the criteria for the Hall of Fame. An NCAA self-study, similar to the SACS self-study, is underway (to be done every 5 years). LSU will be the first Div. 1 university to complete a self-study. VC Jim Coleman chairs the study, which will be completed in the Fall. In other activities, attempts will be made to reduce class time missed because of athletic events, especially in the Spring. If approval can be obtained from NCAA, athletic aid will begin in the summer so athletes can enter early and get up to speed in academics. Women's soccer and softball teams are being added, resulting in 2 more women's teams than men's.

Paul Lee (Chair of ASH) distributed a handout on two trial programs approved this year. 1) Transfer students will be admitted with only 12 hours if the GPA is ≥ 2.3 instead of 24 hours with a GPA of 2.0. 2) A limited number of students already in the admissions pool will be admitted to summer school if they have GPA ≥ 1.9 and 2.5 units short of required core. They will have to take 6 hours with GPA ≥ 2.3 (C or better), taking EDCI 1001 (Intro to College Study) and either the lowest math or English course for which they qualify. If they meet the provisions they will be admitted for the Fall as a regular student. Many other universities have had similar programs for many years. If deemed successful, both trial programs will be brought to the faculty for approval as regular programs.

Resolution 93-06 on sexual and racial discrimination was discussed. The point was made that the University's position is already clear on these issues and this would be micromanagement. Senator Feldman (Resolv, author) responded that students are unprotected and are usually afraid to complain. Senator Arp moved an amendment to follow the words "moral turpitude" with the phrase "provided that nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted in any way to inhibit the free and responsible discussion of issues pertaining to sex and race." VPres Catano seconded and it passed. Questions were raised about the absence of mention of discrimination based on nationality, ethnic origin, religion, age, etc., so an amendment was made and passed to remove the words "racial and sexual." VPres Catano suggested setting up an ad hoc committee to look at the improved implementation of existing policies. Senator Foil moved (seconded by Senator Liuzzo) to table the resolution and set up an ad hoc committee to study the questions raised in the discussion; the motion passed.

New Business

Senator Van Fleet moved and Senator Strain seconded the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 93-07

Whereas instruction is a significant component of the mission of LSU & A&M, and
Whereas the promotion of effective teaching is in the interest of students and faculty at LSU, and
Whereas PS-36 acknowledges the importance of teaching ability and teaching performance as a
criterion determining promotion and tenure of faculty,
Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate adopt the following recommendations:
1. Each academic department is encouraged to design and implement a teaching evaluation system
that is consistent with PS-36, that is based on multiple measures of performance, and that
encourages individual faculty members to use proactive strategies to enhance teaching
effectiveness.
2. The University should demonstrate in these concrete ways that it values teaching:
8. Provide more compensation for outstanding teaching;
b. Expand regular awards for teaching excellence at both the college and University level
to more proportionately reflect the size of our Faculty;
c. Reiterate the positive relation between teaching and scholarly activity; specifically, that
teaching and scholarly activity inform each other and that their interaction is essential for
high quality undergraduate and graduate education;
d. Revise the Promotion/Tenure Request form to reflect the importance of teaching
(Attachment A.)

3. The University should provide for the training of teaching assistants in instructional methods by
supporting departmental efforts to that end, and by supporting the Center for Faculty Development
as a resource for training teaching assistants and as a resource for faculty who are interested in
enhancing their pedagogical skills.
4. The Faculty Senate supports the International Graduate Students’ Training Program for English
language proficiency, but efforts should be made to determine its effectiveness in enhancing
classroom teaching communication, and such improvements as prove necessary should be
supported.
5. The Faculty Senate affirms that the best teaching requires the opportunity for in-class interaction
between students and professor, and that class size should foster that goal. Similarly, the Faculty
Senate affirms that the best teaching requires faculty who are themselves actively learning from
their research or other scholarly activities.
6. The Faculty Senate should charge a standing committee to provide ongoing input to the Student
Government on the development of a student-initiated teacher evaluation program. Faculty
participation in such a teacher evaluation program would be on a voluntary basis only.

Senator Strain moved, and Senator Poliakoff seconded, the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 93-08

Whereas some University facilities have been designated NO SMOKING by action of the State Fire Marshal
for safety reasons, and
Whereas PS-29, "Environmental Control in the Classroom" prohibits smoking within classrooms, studios,
laboratories, seminar rooms, practice rooms, library study areas and carrels, and museums, and
Whereas environmental factors dictate that some University facilities be NO SMOKING for protection of
sensitive equipment, and
Whereas smoke residue deposited on room surfaces results in persistent odors and a deterioration in the
appearance of University facilities, and
Whereas second-hand smoke has been designated as a carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency,
and
Whereas ventilation systems in most University buildings do not prevent recirculation of second-hand smoke
to public areas and areas occupied by non-smokers, and
Whereas persons with pulmonary or cardiovascular disease are more susceptible to the effects of exposure
to second-hand smoke than unaffected persons, and
Whereas smoking in University vehicles results in second-hand smoke exposure to other occupants and
persistent odors that may be offensive to subsequent users of the vehicle, and
Whereas several University buildings have operated successfully under a designation of NO SMOKING for
several years through occupant or administrative initiative,
Therefore, let it be resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate endorses the proposed revision of PS-76, "University
Policy on Smoking" wherein all non-residential University buildings and vehicles are designated NO
SMOKING except where exempted through official petition.

Both resolutions will be discussed and voted upon at the first Fall Senate meeting.

Senator Batiniski moved, and Senator Van Fleet seconded, the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 93-09

Whereas faculty service at LSU & A & M contributes to the quality of the institution, and
Whereas PS-36 recognizes the importance of service in faculty performance, and
Whereas the alumni have recognized the contribution of faculty in university governance and in establishing
educational policy,
Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate expresses appreciation to the LSU Alumni Association for
the reception recognizing senators completing their terms of service.

A motion was made and passed to suspend Senate rules in order to immediately vote on Resolution 93-09. Resolution 93-09
passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm and Senators departed for the Alumni Association reception at the Faculty Club honoring
retiring Senators.

George Strain
Secretary