HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 3, 1999

Chancellor Jenkins, Provost Fogel, Draft PS on Dismissal for Cause for Faculty,
Resolution 99-12, Resolution 99-13, Resolution 99-14

- Remarks by Chancellor Jenkins
- Remarks by Provost Fogel
- Senate committee elections
- SR 99-12 on environmental control in classrooms, second reading, passed
- SR 99-13 on outstanding service by Dr. Billie Collier and Dr. John Collier, second
  reading, passed
- SR 99-14 on establishing a Commission on the Status of Minorities, second reading,
  passed

Minutes*
Faculty Senate Meeting
May 3, 1999

Invited Guests: Chancellor William Jenkins, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost
Daniel M. Fogel, Dr. Laura Lindsay, Dr. Ralph Kinney.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Proxies were announced: Chris Theis for Leslie Koptcho and T.L. Ritchie, Linda Smith
Griffin for Elayne Smyth, Judy Kahn for Malcolm Richardson, and Paul LaRock for
Margaret Reams

Minutes of the April, 1999 meeting were approved.

Results of Senate Committee Elections

The following were elected to Senate Committees, as required by LSU Faculty Senate
By-Laws.

Faculty Grievance Committee: Louis Day, Mass Communication; Peggy Draughn,
Human Ecology; Mary Musgrave, Plant Pathology.
Budget Committee: Richard Imlay, Physics; Jim Richardson, Business Administration.

Review and Long Range Planning: Donald Franke, Animal Science; Jane Luzar, Agricultural Economics.

Council of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU): Carol Barry, Library and Information Science; James Garand, Political Science.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Jenkins noted that this is his last address to the LSU Faculty Senate as Chancellor of the LSU-A&M campus. He has assumed his duties as LSU System President on a part-time basis and will complete his duties as Chancellor on July 1, 1999 upon the arrival of Dr. Mark Emmert. Dr. Jenkins commented that he is pleased with all the new Vice-Chancellors that have been hired and are in place at present. He stated that LSU A&M-BR is in a good position in terms of having new administrators on board and looks forward to Dr. Emmert being ready to begin work with the Faculty Senate in the Fall.

Dr. Jenkins commented that as President of the LSU System, he expects the Baton Rouge campus to continue as the flagship university for the state. "LSU A&M will continue to have the leading role in learning and discovery," he said.

Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the retreat held in late April in Robert, LA. Incoming Chancellor Emmert was in attendance; much of the discussion dealt with taking LSU to the next level of excellence as a flagship university. The Provost mentioned that a summary of the retreat discussions is available from the Office of Academic Affairs.

In the search for an Associate Vice-Chancellor for Diversity, 3 candidates have visited the campus. All three were endorsed by the search committee and the Provost is pleased with the entire search process. Mr. Gregory Vincent has been invited to return for a second interview.

The Provost circulated another draft of the Dismissal for Cause for Faculty document. This version has revisions offered by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Commission on the Status of Academic Ranks, and the Provost. He encouraged senators to read the document, share it with colleges and provide feedback. The Senate Executive Committee will continue to work with the Provost over the summer and discussion on the document is anticipated when the Senate resumes in the Fall.

Finally, the Provost endorsed Senate Resolution 99-14 on establishing a Commission on the Status of Minorities.

President's Report
The Executive Committee circulated a draft of the Dismissal for Cause for Faculty document to all Senators prior to today's meeting, as requested at the April meeting by Senator Harrison. Regarding other matters, President Fletcher reported that the class size minima issue is still being discussed with the Provost. Dr. Fletcher also reported briefly on the events at the recent retreat. Admissions standards will be a topic of discussion when the Senate resumes in the Fall.

Old Business

Senate Resolution 99-12 on environmental control in the classroom (see attached) was read for the second time and passed unanimously.

Senate Resolution 99-14 on establishing a Commission on the Status of Minorities (see attached) was read for the second time. In discussion of the resolution, Senator Dalzell offered a dissenting opinion that this resolution calls for affirmative action which is, in effect, racial preference. Senator Feldman disagreed, saying that there is no guarantee that all people are treated/will be treated the same. Senator Garand commented that the commission would act to gather information primarily and no political agenda is in place. Senator Homberger urged that the Commission, if established, be able to not only gather information but also speak out on needed changes. The resolution passed by voice vote.

Senate Resolution 99-13 on the appreciation of contributions to LSU made by Dr. Billie Collier and Dr. John Collier was read for a second time (see attached) and passed unanimously.

New Business

A gift of appreciation was presented to Senate President, Dr. Alan D. Fletcher.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Elizabeth J. Wilson, Secretary
*The transcript of this meeting will be available at http://www.lsu.edu/guests/senate
Faculty Senate Resolution 99-12

Whereas, LSU Policy Statement 29, Environmental Control in the Classroom, restricts eating, smoking, drinking, and the presence of animals in classroom areas, and

Whereas, there are courses in which eating, drinking, and use of animal are necessary for teaching and learning; that is, eating or drinking may be an integral part of the evaluation and discussion of food preparation, nutritional value, processing, properties, or safety,

Therefore be it resolved that PS-29 be amended as indicated by the bold underlined print in the following paragraph,

"It is the University's intent to provide in all teaching facilities an environment conducive to study and learning. Any situation or deportment which disrupts the learning process is prohibited. Eating, drinking, and smoking are prohibited at all times in teaching areas, except where food or drink is considered an integral part of the course structure by the instructor. All animals, except seeing-eye/hearing-for-deaf dogs and animals that are provided by the instructor as instructional resources are prohibited in teaching facilities."
Faculty Senate Resolution 99-13

Whereas John Collier served as President of the Faculty Senate during the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 academic years, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Whereas Billie Collier served as President of the Faculty Senate for the 1993-1994 academic year, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Whereas John Collier and Billie Collier both provided extraordinary service to the LSU Faculty Senate and, ultimately, to the faculty of Louisiana State University;

Whereas John Collier and Billie Collier have recently announced that they will be leaving LSU to pursue career opportunities at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate commends John Collier and Billie Collier for their numerous and valuable contributions to Louisiana State University and the LSU Faculty Senate, and wishes them the best of luck in their new positions at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
Faculty Senate Resolution 99-14

Whereas a recent Student Government survey of minority students on campus indicated that most of the students had serious concerns about minority issues, and

Whereas minorities and women are often affected by similar issues, and

Whereas the faculty senate has recently voted to adopt Faculty Senate Resolution 9-10 to create a permanent Commission on the Status of Women,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly supports the creation of a permanent Commission on the Status of Minorities consisting of faculty, staff, and student representatives to identify the needs of minorities on campus, to monitor changes in the status of minorities at LSU, to make recommendations regarding conditions at LSU that affect minority employees and students, to work closely with LSU's administration to implement policy recommendations in a timely manner, and to report regularly to the Faculty Senate on its findings and accomplishments.