FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 1986
3:00 p.m.
Vieux Carre Room, LSU Union

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 11, 1986

2. President's Report

3. Report from the University Commission on General Education with details on the implementation of the Core Curriculum, Dr. Peter Soderberg, Chairman

4. Report on the Athletic Council, Dr. Billy Seay, Chairman

5. Criteria for Promotion and Tenure: amplification of PS 36, Vice-Chancellor Carolyn Hargrave and Graduate School Dean William Cooper

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 36 of the Faculty Handbook (1986 edition) for alternate representation (alternate representation at Senate meetings should be a faculty member or another Senator from the same college as you are.)
MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OCTOBER 7, 1986

ATTENDANCE:  (✓ present)  (* proxie)

✓ Charlayne Allen  Gaines Foster  Richard Lomax  Leila Schroeder
✓ Harley Anton  Ronald Gough  Ronald Malone  Alvin Schupp
✓ Sue Bartlett  Michael Grimes  Teresa Monger  Jonathan Shapiro
✓ Robert Becker  Robert Grodner  Robert Newman  Mary Serridge
✓ M. S. Bolner  Milton Hallman  Richard Norem  William Stanley
✓ Mary Brody  Abner Hammond  Robert O'Connell  George Strain
✓ Michael Burnett  Richard Haymaker  Wayne Parent  Teresa Summers
✓ John Caprio  Peter Haynes  Margaret Parker  Paul Temple
✓ Frank Cartledge  William Henk  Anna Perrault  Eugene Turner
✓ Frank Chaffin  James Hotvedt  Jack Polpin  Donna Vandelmaer
✓ Robert Courter  Ben Jackson  Scott Powers  Danny Wallace
✓ Hollis Cox  Barbara Jamison  Geoffrey Price  Julian White
✓ Adrian Delcaro  David Johnson  Suzanne Pucci  Mark Williams
✓ Carmen DelRio  Lamar Jones  Virginia Purdell  Thomas Winfree
✓ Debra Dobrey  Bonnie Konopak  Douglas Rossman  Vernon Wright
✓ James Farr  Pat Lawrence  George Roundtree  Edward Zganjar
✓ Daniel Fogel  Daniel Littlefield  Mary Jane Saunders  

PROXIES:

Senator Parker for Senator delRio
R. Haymaker for Senator Zganjar
Senator Johnson for Senator Newman
Senator Farr for Senator Gough
Kaylene Gebert for Senator Anton
Charles Grenier for Senator Roundtree
Ralph Kinney for Senator Monger

William Archambault for Senator Winfree
Senator Lomax for Senator Shapiro
Senator Lomax for Senator Powers
Senator Strain for Senator Haynes
Senator Strain for Senator Henk
Senator Hotvedt for Senator Jackson
Senator Polpin for Senator Malone

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Dean William Cooper, Robert Edgeworth, Vice-Chancellor Hargrave, Carruth McGehee, Peter Soderbergh, and press representatives Rachel Emanuel-Wallace, Mary Beth Ley, and Linda Regilli.

Parliamentarian for the meeting was Robert Edgeworth

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 11, 1986. There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report. Since the Agenda was so long, President O'Connell did not give a report. He did say that a Leisure Sports Management Council is being formed to formulate and recommend policy concerning the new LSU Leisure Sports facility that is now in the planning stage. A faculty member who is interested in leisure sports is needed as a member to represent the needs of the faculty. Anyone interested should get in touch with President O'Connell, #8-6848.

3. Report from the University Commission on General Education with details on the implementation of the Core Curriculum, Dr. Peter Soderbergh. On August 1, 1986, packets containing a request to submit courses for inclusion in the 39-hour general education component along with the criteria they must meet were sent to the deans, directors, and department heads. The Commission has received 240 course offerings (out of an estimated 3,500 undergraduate courses listed in the catalogue) which the Commission will either approve, disapprove, or send back for more information. Dr. Soderbergh stated that the material sent in was extensive and well done. A final list of approved courses will be ready in November for inclusion in the LSU catalogue.
4. Report on the Athletic Council, Dr. Billy Seay, Chairman  

The Athletic Council was established by the LSU Board of Supervisors to serve as a policy-formulating and regulatory body in all matters related to the intercollegiate athletic program. The Council is composed of: 5 faculty members (Billy Seay, William Banks, Dorothy Bankston, Craig Cordes, William Davidson), 2 Alumni Federation members (Mrs. Mildred Evans & Dr. White Graves), 1 staff (Mary Baszille), 2 students (SGA President Angelle Graves & Aaron King), President of the National "L" Club (Jerry Guillot), a Chancellor's representative (Charlie Roberts), and ex-officio members Vice-Chancellor Carolyn Hargrave (voting) and Acting Director of Athletics Larry Jones (non-voting). The responsibilities of the Council stated in the Board of Supervisors By-laws include: Policy (determining the scope of the athletic program, assuring that student athletes are provided adequate opportunity to successfully pursue academic programs, developing, using, and operating athletic facilities, and advising with the Chancellor on the selection and the employment of the Athletic Director); Review of Recommendations of the Athletic Department (approving intercollegiate schedules, approving awards and letters of athletes, awarding athletic scholarships), and Review and supervision of relationships with appropriate athletic conferences and the NCAA (reviewing eligibility of student athletes, guarding student athletes from undesirable outside influences, and protecting student athletes from exploitation). The Athletic Council is advisory to the Chancellor and the Director of Athletics. Dr. Seay mentioned that NCAA rule 48 that requires athletes meet a minimum ACT score for admittance is working well. Also, the Athletic Council has no control over the scheduling of games in the SEC playoffs. It was also noted that athletic counseling has been moved to Academic Affairs. Monitoring of the academic progress of student athletes has improved and most should be close to meeting degree requirements by the end of their four-year eligibility.

5. Criteria for Promotion and Tenure: Amplification of PS-36, Vice-Chancellor Carolyn Hargrave and Graduate School  

Dean William Cooper  Vice-Chancellor Hargrave reviewed the history of PS-36, stating that it was implemented in December of 1976 as the first, single comprehensive document of its kind. Revisions have been minor, with the last (Revision 3) in October 1988. Three concerns about the promotion and tenure process have been addressed since 1981. These were over the lack of uniformity in documentation submitted from the various colleges, the representation of faculty input (as opposed to that of the department heads), and the lack of a career path for faculty heavily involved in clinical activities. Procedures and guidelines for promotion and tenure documentation were prepared and distributed from Academic Affairs in 1984. Since then, documentation from the various faculties has improved considerably. Departmental input now comes from the department faculty and the department head separately. A new title structure was developed for faculty heavily involved in clinical activities. While not on a tenure track, these faculty are now on a professorial route from Assistant to Associate to Full Clinical Professorships.

Nominations for promotion and tenure may come from the candidate, faculty committees, department chairmen, or tenured faculty members in the same department holding higher rank than the person nominated. A committee of tenured faculty from the candidates' department reviews the credentials and supportive materials and makes recommendations. The department chairman forwards these reports and his own separate review and recommendations to the Dean. The Dean reviews the recommendations and forwards to the central administration his own recommendations, which include a ranking of the candidates. At the University administration level, recommendations are reviewed by the Vice-Chancellors for Academic Affairs and Research, as well as a committee from the Graduate Council. Recommendations are then forwarded to the Chancellor for review, and he forwards them, with his own recommendations, to the President. The Board of Supervisors is the final approval authority for positive promotion recommendations.

Of the University's 88 recommendations for promotion and tenure submitted last year, 81 were recommended by the faculty; 65 recommended by the deans; and 62 by the administration.

A lengthy discussion moderated by Vice-Chancellor Hargrave and Dean Cooper followed. Questions answered were: accelerated promotion (before 5 years in rank) is approved very seldom, only when credentials indicate the candidate is truly outstanding; appeal procedures are available to candidates whose recommendation for promotion/tenure is denied; Assistant Professors of Research are paid by soft money, their contracts are renewed yearly, and they are not in tenure-track positions.

6. Old Business  

There was no Old Business

7. New Business  

There was no New Business

There being no further business, President O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Wallace, Secretary