FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, September 12, 1990
3:00 p.m. *
Atchafalaya Room, LSU Union

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1990

2. President’s Report

3. Election of Member-at-Large for the Executive Committee

   Nominated: Margaret Parker (Foreign Language)
               James Borck (English)

   Nominations will be accepted from the floor for 1990 Senators. (see attached list of new Senators)

4. Old Business

   Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 89-20 concerning the awarding

   Open Forum (discussion of any items of concern)

5. New Business

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   * New Senators are asked to come at 2:00 p.m. for an orientation program
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If you are unable to attend this meeting of the Faculty Senate, please refer to Faculty Handbook 1990 edition for alternate representation. Alternate representation at Senate meetings should be a faculty member or another Senator from your college.
President Kinney called the orientation for new Senators meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed Robert Grodner, William Kelso (Agriculture), James Brock, James Cascone, Deborah Normand, Thomas Owen, Margaret Parker, Miles Richardson (Arts & Science), Dominique Hemberger & John Welfel (Basic Science), Thomas Beard & George Frankfurter (Business), Spencer Macey (Education), Charles Parks (Engineering), L. Leslie Rosso (Gen. College) Peggy Chalaron (Library) Tom Hribernik (Vet Med), Robert Gambrel (Wetland Res.).

President Kinney discussed the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws and some of the changes the Senate had made during the last year. He explained that the Senate was under the Board of Supervisors and possess all of the powers conferred upon the Faculty Council, etc. In FS-30 it states that the faculty determines the education policy of the University. He asked for a virgorous Senate with communication with the Administration, a visibility that would change the image of the Senate, effective working relations with all levels of Administration. Also discussed were the continuing concerns of the Senate: Benefits, FS-36, admission standards, personnel policies, faculty involvement in planning, searches for Administrators, Administrators to take the Senate seriously and work together in full partnership.

President Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. and welcomed Professor Carruth Mcheeha, Dean of Continuing Education.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1990 With the correction that Faculty Senate Resolution 89-19 didn't did not fail, but did not have a 2/3 majority for a initial vote, thus was held over for a final vote during the next meeting. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report. President Kinney spoke mostly on a review and update of items discussed by the Executive Committee this summer. He thanked the members of the ad-hoc committee on salaries for an excellent job with a very sensitive topic. Members of the committee and others have expressed particular note of the extraordinary efforts of the chair, John Fischer (English) and Professor James Wharton (Chemistry), member at large. The committee report was received by the Executive Committee and forwarded with the Executive Committee comments to Chancellor Davis.

Executive Committee members interacted with a number of faculty researchers and administrators regarding the process for filling the position of Vice-Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. Most Senate members received a copy of the memo that was sent to the Chancellor. While the Senate has not received a direct communication in response, it is clear that the process now has several attributes consistent with our recommendations to the Chancellor.

Work on updating FS-36 has reached the stage where the following scenario is likely: 1. The current version (#3) will be the official document this year. 2. A draft version will be presented to the Deans & Directors and Chairs with a request from Academic Affairs that it be used unless a conflict with the "official" document is noted. This will provide a shake-down of the draft process. 3. A final "new" revision will be made official after feedback from Deans, Directors, Chairs, and after through discussion in the Faculty Senate.

A new agenda item will be used for our meetings this year. The Open Forum, will give the Senate an opportunity to informally discuss matters of concern.

Vice-Chancellor Harper and Professor Billy Sevy will meet with us in October.

3. Election of Member-at-Large for the Executive Committee. Nominated by the executive committee were James Borck (English) and Margaret Parker (Foreign Language). Nominated from the floor was Bob Grodner (Food Science). Margaret Parker was elected.

4. Old Business

Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 89-19 (concerning the composition of doctoral advisory committee be amended to "the full advisory committee of a doctoral student consists of at least five members including a simple majority from the major department." A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Senator Kirshner, seconded, and passed.

Final action on Faculty Senate Resolution 89-20 (concerning the awarding Ronald Reagan an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters). There was not a 2/3 majority present so the voting was held over till the 9-12-90. Senator Owen suggested that the third WHEREAS be eliminated. A motion to accept Faculty Senate Resolution 89-20 was made, seconded, and passed.
5. New Business

Senator Kirshner offered Faculty Senate Resolution 90-1

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 90-1

WHEREAS, Doctoral coursework may be intended to assist a student to achieve broad mastery of the field of study, as well as to develop specialized expertise related to dissertation research; and

WHEREAS, for a particular student, the set of courses relevant to these two objectives need not be identical; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the general examination is to establish the student's broad mastery of the field of study; and

WHEREAS, current graduate school policies require that the student be in his or her last semester of required coursework prior to taking the general examination; and

WHEREAS, the doctoral advisory committee is the appropriate body to determine the student's readiness to take the general examination; and

WHEREAS, the doctoral advisory committee is charged with the responsibility to determine the student's readiness to take the general examination (Graduate Catalog, 1990, p. 56); and

WHEREAS, it may, on occasion, suit the purposes of the advisory committee to require specialized coursework related to the dissertation topic after the general examination has been successfully completed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends to the graduate faculty that the policies governing the general examination be amended to allow the advisory committee authority to schedule the general examination with up to 6 credit hours of required coursework remaining to be taken in subsequent semesters.

There was a discussion. The purpose was to change what is written in the Graduate Catalog so as to allow advisory to help make choices with students. A motion to accept Faculty Senate Resolution 90-1 for a final vote at the October 9 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Senator Kirshner, seconded by Senator Southern and Homburger, and passed.

OPEN FORUM Discussion included concern over the original admission standards by the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, President Kinney adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be October 9, 1990, in the Royal Room of the Union.

Respectfully submitted

Sam Feagley, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (✓ present) (✗ proxy)

✓ Althea Asha
   Mary Balthazar
   Thomas Beard
   James Borck
   Adam Bourgoune
   Griffin Campbell
   Michael Carpenter
   George Catalano
   James Catano
   Peggy Chaloner
   Don-Youn Cho
   Neal Cronin
   William Culbertson
   Thomas Dietz
   Sam E. Feagley
   Marion F. Fletcher

✗ Lane Foil
   George Frankfurter
   Robert Gambrel
   Michelle Gelrich
   Gary Gintner
   Robert Grodner
   Robert Husey
   Jan Herlinger
   Dan Hillmann
   Douglas Holt
   Dominique Homberger
   Tom Hribik
   William Kelso
   James Keisler
   Gerald Kennedy
   Ralph Kinney

✗ David Kirshner
   Frances Lawrence
   Tom Lester
   David Lengstrei
   Robert McElheanny
   Kenneth McMillin
   Norma Martin
   Spencer Narcy
   James Miller
   Robert Neuman
   Deborah Normand
   Thomas Owen
   Margaret Parker
   Charles Parks
   Dorothy Pashley
   Michael Pitts

✗ Ralph Portier
   Gene Reagan
   Miles Richardson
   L. Leslie Rouso
   Peter Soderbergh
   L. Lee Southern
   Neal Stolfor
   Harriet Taylor
   Charles Teddle
   Joel Tohline
   Emily Tote
   Suzanne Turner
   John Wefel
   Steven Weintraub
   James Werbel
   James Wharton

PROXIES: Senator Keisler for Senator Weintraub
   Senator Cronin for Senator Toth
   Senator Cronin for Senator Catano
   Connie Van Fleet for Senator Carpenter

Senator Pashley for Senator Foil
   Senator Parker for Senator Holt
   Senator Cho for Senator Hillman
   Senator Tohline for Senator Wefel