HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACULTY SENATE MEETING
September 5, 1997

Chancellor’s Comments
- He shared his thoughts on LSU’s progress, transition, changes in administrative arrangements
- He reiterated his availability to the Faculty Senate and his interest in receiving input on various matters
- He commented briefly on the tragedy involving the SAE fraternity pledge and offered reassurance that LSU will do everything in its power to prevent a similar occurrence
- He plans to have a convocation to address the university community and lay out his 5-year plan, specific goals, and highest priorities for the university, and solicit input from faculty and staff.

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Meeting
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The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm. Invited guests included Helen Foley (LSU Foundation) and Mary Jones (LSU Today). The May minutes were approved as read (Draayer, second Richardson). The April minutes were amended to reflect that the Lab School does have a mission statement (as noted by Barbara Frieberg, Lab School representative to Faculty Senate). Motion to amend the April minutes was approved.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Fogel’s Report

1. Provost Fogel plans to attend Faculty Senate Meetings. He spoke of the recent tragedy (the SAE fraternity pledge) and noted that this incident is not unique to LSU but reflects a national problem. He encouraged the faculty to collectively address the problem by developing creative solutions and do what we can to foster a culture of academic excellence.
2. He mentioned the Chancellor’s memorandum sent to all faculty via e-mail (and hardcopy) concerning strategic and administrative goals, vision of the university, and so forth. He reiterated the Chancellor’s commitment to open and reciprocal communication. Both the Chancellor and the Provost are committed to “action-oriented” planning to produce positive change. They both invite dialog for guiding the planning process.
3. His position is a new creation that exemplifies fulfillment of the planning process and the Chancellor’s strategic plan. The University Planning Committee (UPC) is charged with strategic directions for the university to move ahead. He noted an October deadline for laying out strategic goals. A six-week turn around time will follow for faculty feedback/response.
4. He responded to James Lewis who suggested that we move the time for Fall Fest next year. The Provost commented further on student life at LSU. Raised the question of whether we are providing enough of an academic challenge for the students.

President’s Report

1. President Collier introduced the members of the Faculty Senate Executive committee: Jerry Draayer (vice-president), Katie Cherry (secretary), Malcolm Richardson, and Dominique Homberger (members at large). He acknowledged former FSEC members, Liz Wilson and Mike Cherry.
2. He thanked the FS office secretary, Janice Williams, for her effort, as this was her last day. FS is now without secretarial support. Sharing a secretary with Staff Senate is not a viable option. We have also considered sharing a secretary with the proposed Ombudsman Office. Michelle Masse and Ralph Kinney have compiled a full report to document procedures for forming an Ombudsman Office at LSU, although it does not look like immediate action will be taken. Another option under consideration is to
turn the half-time secretary position into a graduate assistantship.

3. He noted that LSU has been accepted as a part of Internet II and he advised that we direct questions about this to Jerry Draayer. Both LSU and Tulane are accepted members.

4. President Collier is serving on several committees and he offered to pass along faculty comments to these organizations. He is officially the representative of the faculty of LSU A & M to the Board of Supervisors Faculty Advisory Committee (he was on this committee last year, he is now chair of this committee). He is LSU Systems representative to the Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the University Planning Counsel.

5. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) has charged the Academic Standards and Honors Committee (ASH) to examine the admissions standards at LSU. The rapid growth is a concern (est. 28,400). The concern is related to State Legislature resolutions (which have passed and if funded) will pay tuition and fees next year for students who meet certain academic criteria. President Collier noted that 77% of incoming students this year would have met that criteria and had their tuition and fees paid for. ASH will provide more information about their recommendation by the next FS meeting.

6. Election of a New Faculty Senator to the FSEC. Alan Fletcher was nominated by FSEC. No nominations came from the floor. Alan Fletcher was elected. (Note: FSEC consists of 6 members; voting members include: President, Vice-President, Secretary; 2 At Large Members, 1 New Member).

**Capital Fund Drive.** Presentation by Liz Wilson. The overall goal is $180 million; so far, approximately $80 million has been raised. The response from the community has been positive. What is especially important now is the participation rate of the faculty. Faculty were urged to make a contribution to LSU; the amount is not as important as is the participation rate which makes a statement to the community. The climate for the Capital Fund Drive is better now, due largely to the efforts of Chancellor Jenkins and Provost Fogel. The key to the success of the Capital Fund Drive is faculty participation. Liz noted that she will send a letter and pledge card to all faculty, non-faculty instructors, and other personnel to further solicit participation in the drive. She also noted that questions regarding the fund drive should be directed toward Helen Foley (LSU Foundation).

**Committee Reports.** None

**Old Business.** None

**New Business.** Mitchell Brown asked about the status of technology fee. President Collier noted that the technology fee was passed by the Legislature; it was passed in such a way that it requires a vote of the students. Our students vote was in support of this last spring, but not enough to meet the Legislature’s requirement. A specific fee amount (per credit hour) has not yet been determined and it does not appear that this will be implemented immediately. The Provost added that the Chancellor has formed a group (including students and faculty) to draft plans for proposals for spending the technology fee. Model proposals are desirable so the students can see the types of enhancements that could be available to them in their learning environment with the fee, before the next vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:06 pm

Respectfully submitted
Katie Cherry
Secretary
FACULTY SENATE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date September 5, 1997
[✓ = Present, * = Proxy]

✓ Ajmera, Pratul
✓ Anderson, Nels
✓ Anderson, Laurie
✓ Austin, Stephen
✓ Bengtson, Richard
✓ Blouin, David
* Boethel, David
✓ Brown, Mitchell
✓ Carney, Robert
✓ Cassidy, Jane
✓ Chandler, Timothy
✓ Cherry, Katie
* Cherry, Mike
✓ DiMaio, Irene
* Draughn, Peggy
✓ Drayer, Jerry
✓ Durway, Flo
✓ Elliott, Gregory
✓ Fletcher, Alan D.
✓ Freiberg, Barbara
✓ Garand, James
✓ Hargrave, Carolyn
✓ Harris, Steven
✓ Harrison, Douglas
✓ Hegsted, Maren
✓ Hoffman, Paul
✓ Homberger, Dominique
✓ Hudson, Amelia
✓ Johnson, Seth
* Jordan, Rosan
✓ Kahn, Judy
✓ Kinney, Ralph
✓ Koptcho, Leslie
✓ Lam, Nina
✓ LaRock, Paul
✓ Lewis, James
✓ Martin, John
✓ Neil, Roger
✓ Mohan, Brij
✓ Moore, Jeff
✓ Motzenbocker, Carl
✓ Oliver, Julian
✓ Paccamonti, Dale
✓ Poliakoff, Erwin
✓ Reams, Margaret
Richardson, Malcolm
Rinks, Dan (Elizabeth Wilson)
Rossman, Doug
Rosso, Leslie
Schilling, Paul
Spruill, David
Stanton, Leonard
Stine, Mike
Summers, Teresa
Tang, Kwei
Theis, Chris
Thune, Ronald
Tolbert, Charles
Voyiadjis, George
Watson, Dana
Wharton, James
Windhauser, John
Wing, Nathaniel
Worthy, Terry
Yannitel, Daniel
Zagacki, Kenneth

PROXIES:

Malcolm Richardson for Rosan Jordan
Malcolm Richardson for Mike Cherry
Maren Hegsted for Peggy Draughn
Allen Rutherford for Mike Stine
Seth Johnson for David Boethel
Jerry Draayer for Erwin Poliakoff
Dan Rinks for Liz Wilson