President Pat Culbertson called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

1. Welcome to Senators and Visitors. Senators were welcomed to this first meeting of the new year and it was announced an orientation meeting for new senators was held the previous hour.

   President Culbertson reminded Senators to pick up an updated Senate roster, a meeting agenda, list of committee assignments and committee chairs, resolutions being presented, and other material from the table.

   The president welcomed several visitors: Susann Dorman, English Department; Laura Lindsay, Academic Affairs; Doug Harrison, Budget Committee representative from faculty; Abner Hammond, Chair, Committee on Committees.

   The Executive Committee was introduced to the Senate. The Executive Committee members for 92-93 are: Billie Collier, Vice President; Bob Gambrell, Secretary; Ralph Kinney, ex-officio member as past president of the Senate; Jim Catano, member-at-large; Donna Mealey, member-at-large; and, it was announced that later in this meeting according to precedent, an additional member-at-large from the newly elected Senators would be elected.

   Senators were asked to look over the roster where the new senators were indicated by their term expiring in 1995, and to begin thinking about persons they might want to nominate. Norma Koenig was introduced as the Faculty Senate office secretary.

2. Senate Parliamentarian. President Culbertson stated the Executive Committee recommended that George Strain continue to serve as Parliamentarian for the Senate, and with the approval of the Senate, Professor Strain was re-appointed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 6 May, 1992 Meeting. Senator strain stated the 6 May minutes should be corrected to include that George Strain and Doug Harrison were elected to represent the faculty on the University Budget Committee. Senator Kinney moved to approve the corrected minutes and the motion was seconded by Senator Hebert. The motion passed.

4. Report on Fall Enrollment. Laura Lindsay of the Office of Academic Affairs was introduced and gave a report on enrollment trends for the early part of the fall semester. A written report was also made available. Some of the highlights were that freshmen enrollment is up 150 students, graduate student enrollment is up, the application rate was up 3 percent for this fall, and the undergraduate yield or retention is up as a result of higher admission standards. Transfer student numbers are about the same as last year, and enrollment in some colleges is down. Also, it was announced that due to days lost for Hurricane Andrew, letters are going out to faculty who want to request classrooms be made available on a couple of Saturdays to make up for missed classes.
5. President's Report.
(a) President Culbertson announced the meeting time and place for the weekly Faculty Senate Executive Committee and invited senators with concerns or issues to come and discuss these with the Committee.
(b) The Senate was reminded to pick up a handout giving the time and meeting room for the 1992-1993 Faculty Senate meetings, and, it was announced the April meeting will be held jointly with the Faculty Council meeting.

Faculty Senate Activities during 1991-1992:
(c) It was announced that during the previous year, the new admission standards approved by the Senate were also approved by the Board of Supervisors who also added their own wording pertaining to the importance of strong academic standards.
(d) Another major action of the Faculty Senate approved the year before last was implemented last year, and this was faculty review of deans and department heads and chairs. Larry Farh was given credit for working closely with the Faculty Personnel Policies Committee in this effort which also had the approval of Academic Deans and Directors. Deans are to be reviewed every other year and chairs and heads reviewed each year. There are three areas where the faculty did not have an opportunity to participate in this process last year. These situations are being monitored, progress is being made, and it is anticipated the reviews will start this year. The second part of the process where deans meet with faculty for feedback on the department chair reviews is starting. This process has gotten off to a slow start, but progress is being made. The Provost is to meet with faculty concerning the dean reviews.
(e) The new PS-36 pertaining to promotion and tenure was implemented last year. This was written primarily by Senator Kinney. Though it is thorough, it was reported to be a dynamic document subject to revisions as necessary.
(f) Kay Mooney, last year's chair of the Commencement Committee was recognized for her efforts last year, and in particular, for the conduct of the faculty survey on their thoughts and suggestions on the commencement exercises.
(g) Marty Feldman was mentioned as the chair of the Faculty Senate ad hoc multicultural committee. At a later time, a University multicultural committee was also formed by the administration. It has a somewhat different mission, but to coordinate efforts, President Culbertson is going to request that Marty Feldman be put on the University committee as well.

Planned Faculty Senate Activities during 1992-1993:
(h) We will continue to monitor and push for continued progress on faculty review of deans and chairs.
(i) The issue of summer session was reviewed. A proposal last year was not well received as it was perceived as a pay cut. The summer sessions are in difficulty with fewer and fewer faculty teaching, thus this issue should be addressed again with more
faculty participation.

(j) Two weeks ago, the report of a Board of Regents task force on faculty benefits was published in LSU Today. President Culbertson attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where this was discussed. The Board asked the faculty representatives present to go back and inform faculty that they will seriously be considering benefits. One of the issues being considered is a tuition waiver for faculty dependents.

(k) Regarding University financing, all are aware there will be no raises this year and that other areas in the University budget are also inadequately funded. Later in this meeting, a proposed resolution will be presented to the Senate to help address this problem.

6. Suzann Dorman who chairs the ad hoc committee on teaching and teaching evaluation gave a report to the Senate. She reports support to the teaching mission by the University administration and that University deans responded well to one survey last year and a new survey is going to faculty in the near future. Acknowledgment was given for the importance of teaching in the new PS-36. A lunch seminar and another seminar on alternative teaching evaluation methods was announced and attendance by faculty encouraged. It was reported there is greater interest and commitment being observed in the area of teaching improvement and evaluation of teaching. The committee members were announced. Senators were encouraged to talk about this with their colleagues and share their ideas with the committee.

7. George Strain, a faculty representative on the University Budget Committee, was introduced to report on a July meeting of the LSU Budget Committee. The committee consists of: Executive Vice Chancellor James Coleman (chair), Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Roland Hayden, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Jerry Boudin, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development Harvel Eaton, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Norman Moore, and Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Jim Richardson and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Robert Kuhn. Faculty representatives on this Committee are George Strain and Doug Harrison. The staff representative is Ruth Stevens, President of the Staff Senate. The 1991-92 budget was $184.7 million with the estimate for increased revenue this year at about $8.35 million (not including tuition increases which came later) which brings this year's budget to about $193 million. Almost all of the increase is earmarked for standing budget commitments--thus only about $730,000 (before the any tuition increase was approved) was available for increased funding in some areas or funding new areas. The Chancellor recommended just over $466,000 of this be set aside as a contingency in case of state budget cuts. The $50 tuition increase approved by the Board of Supervisors after this meeting will result in an estimated increase of $1,765,000. Thus final budget adjustments recommended were: Academic Affairs (+$1,047,000); Student Affairs (+$91,000); Business Affairs (+$451,000); Research (+$80,000); and, Chancellors Office...
All budget units have been asked to set aside 0.5 percent of their budgets in an escrow account for dealing with anticipated budget cuts, and there is a freeze on maintenance and custodial expenditures. For an anticipated budget cut, by these actions the University has set aside a total of about $1.4 million. This amount was mentioned as not sufficient to cover a 1 percent budget cut. For comparison purposes, it was mentioned a 1 percent faculty raise would cost about $1 million, and even doubling the tuition increase would not have generated enough funding for a significant faculty salary increase.

8. Each year at the first Senate meeting, one additional at-large member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is elected from the pool of new Senators. The nominees were Patricia Cruse (Library), Carruth McGehee (Mathematics), and Pratul Ajmera (Electrical Engineering). After a runoff election, it was announced that Carruth McGehee was elected.

9. Senator George Strain presented Resolution 92-1 pertaining to teacher evaluation. Copies were made available to the Senate. A motion was made (Senator Strain) to accept the resolution for consideration at a future meeting and a second was received (Senator Arrington). Upon being accepted for consideration on the Senate floor, the Executive Committee had made arrangements for this resolution to be referred to the Committee on Improvement of Instruction and possibly other appropriate committees before coming back to the Senate for discussion and a vote.

10. President Culbertson presented Faculty Senate Resolution 92-2 and it was moved (Senator Apostolou) and seconded (Senator Hribernik) to accept this resolution for consideration at the next meeting. This resolution requests the LSU Board of Supervisors to seek new and innovative ways of adequately funding LSU. The resolution specifically asked that tuition increases be tied to the United States cost of living index. President Culbertson discussed the motivation behind this resolution and mentioned that it will also be sent to the Faculty Personnel Policies Committee, the Student Aid and Scholarship Committee, and appropriate administrative offices for thorough discussion and additional input.

11. It was announced that the Executive Committee had received a copy of a letter from University System President Coppin who has been instructed by the Board of Supervisors to conduct an evaluation of chancellors. Culbertson mentioned that meetings will be held with specific campus focus groups requested by President Coppin. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and other faculty members will participate, and input for this meeting was requested from Senators.

A motion was made by Senator Strain, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.