

Long Range Planning and Review Committee Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Attending: Rita Lott, Joseph Pearson, Mickey Diez, Bart Riggins, Fermand Garlington, DeAnn Arnold, Adnan Samhan, Jackie Reed, Don Bloxom, Cheryl Crain,

Absent: Wally Derleth, Eddie Thomas, Tracy McCray, Paula Atkins

Guest: Dr. Vincent Marsala

Rita Lott, Staff Senate President and Committee Chairwoman, called the meeting to order.

Mickey Diez motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting on November 15, 2006. Bart Riggins seconded the motion.

Rita Lott introduced Dr. Vincent Marsala. Dr. Marsala was invited to speak to the committee members regarding the direction of the University. Dr. Marsala spoke about the University's overall direction and answered questions from committee members. Dr. Marsala stated that LSUS' mission states that "LSUS is a regional university primarily serving the educational and cultural needs of the Shreveport/Bossier metropolitan area and the Ark-LA-Tex region." LSUS' complete Role, Scope, and Mission Statement can be found in the Master Plan.

Dr. Marsala spoke of some of the external factors that affect LSUS, such as budgetary concerns at the state level. He spoke of the need to develop new programs to attract students to LSUS.

When asked what staff can do to help the University combat the recruitment and retention challenges, Dr. Marsala stated that staff can look at internal policies and procedures and remove unnecessary roadblocks that prevent students from getting the services they desire.

Concern was expressed over the level of implementation of the Recruitment and Retention Plans. Dr. Marsala said that he will look into this matter and he will review the Noel-Levitz report.

A suggestion was made that the Chancellor address the faculty and staff of the University to share with the campus his thoughts on the status of the University. It was noted that it would be beneficial if the entire campus could hear some of the comments that he made here today. A suggestion was made that sometime during the fall semester would be a good time for his "State of the University" address.

The committee members thanked Dr. Marsala for taking time to address the committee and share with us his thoughts.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.