Senators Present: M. Bontty, D. Chandler ,Y. Dupre, J. Feldhaus, A. Case Hanks, A. Hill, C. Hutto, C. Johnson, S. Jois, K. Kervin, M. Lowe, M. Matusiak, L. Nichelson , S. Owens, M. Parker, L. Reid, D. Rhorer, C. Steckline, B. Walker, H. Wilson.

Senators Absent: D. Hare, J. Palmer, J. Taylor

Handouts available: Agenda, Minutes last meeting, University House Project, Draft of Governance Committee's Models, AAUP Survey on Governance, Parlimentary procedure nutshell.

President Rhorer **called the meeting to order**, at 12:32 p.m.
Secretary Steckline **called the roll**.
The **Minutes of the August 21, 2008** meeting were **accepted** with one correction of the spelling of a Senator's name (Walker/Hutto). This approval of the minutes came after a short course &/or review of fundamental, yet problematic parliamentary procedural understandings (Lowe-Parlimentarian).

Committee Reports: Of existing ten FS Committees five reports were expected**.**

A. Executive Board has not formally met with the Provost &/or President since first meeting of the year, but will meet, with new slate of elected officers before next FS meeting. President Rhorer has spoken informally with Provost regarding issues charged with conveying at last meeting [regarding alternatives to our having to go into executive sessions during a faculty senate meeting, and to continue talks on establishing a permanent senate office].
B. Academic Standards has not met yet.
C. Faculty Advisory Board cancelled its meeting in Baton Rouge due to GUSTAV.
D. Conference Committee with the Deans scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22, so no report today.
E. The ULM Community Governance Committee, a sub-committee of the Faculty Welfare Committee met two additional times since last FS meeting to prepare draft which was discussed as presented rather than examined as new business. The models in the handout were discussed, requests were made for tweaking in three areas,[1] but the models and their integral relationship to each other were accepted by the FS and the subcommittee empowered to proceed. (Wilson/Reid).

Unfinished Business:

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[1] Tweaking recommendations were in following three ways: 1) clarify ULM Foundation role in Governance relationshp; 2) Inclusion in diagram 1.2 of arrows indicating directions of information flow from the Information Sharing Forum; and 3) refine explanatory wording about the Information Sharing Forum that avoids redundancy in objectives and actions and stresses the purpose of mutual information sharing and coordination.

1. The College of Arts & Sciences is down a senator—should actively recruit replacement Senator for Jeffrey Rush. Check your Departments for willingness and availability to serve and nominate at next meeting.

2. New Room, Ad.Min. 2-91 works well as regular meeting space, so this is our new "regular room."

3. Faculty Friends gatherings (2), were not as well- attended as last year, though participation in the actual program is high, and successfully launched. Possible reasons noted were pre-labor day weekend schedule for first gathering, and failure to hype food as a perk, and failure of censor to release reminder message to all faculty in a timely manner.

4. Additional members for the FS Task Force taking on Strategic Plan Objective 1.2 [**:** Increase the number of nationally-recognized intellectual contributions 50% by 2013] are needed. Senator Bontty cannot do this alone.

5. Preliminary determination of possible **dates** for **a Called meeting** of the Senate focused around

*indicates excused absence.
(Name/Name) indicates Moved/Seconded