Call to Order
President Miriam Joseph called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. in auditorium B of the Learning Resources Center.

Call of the Roll
Secretary J. Turner called the roll.

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were approved without changes.

Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees Development and Community Relations
Roy Ruckdeschel (CEPS) is in his second year of serving as a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees Development and Community Relations Committee. The committee meets prior to the Board of Trustees’ meeting each month. Tom Keefe, VP/Development & University Relations, is the meeting coordinator and some of the development officers attend the meetings along with Trustee members and a student representative. Ruckdeschel sees his role as liaison between the Faculty Senate and the committee. At the meetings there are presentations followed by questions and answers. The committee’s task is to inform the Board of Trustees about development activities at the University. Ruckdeschel emphasized that faculty involvement in development is important and encouraged faculty to get to know their unit’s development officer(s), to collaborate with them, to ask them to give a presentation to the faculty and to ask about projects in which faculty could get involved.

Tom Keefe has served as VP-Development and University Relations for 3-1/2 years at the University. His office raised $42.5 million last year. This year donations are down 32% in dollar amount, but up 20% in the number of donors. Seventy percent of SLU alumni never donate to the University and 22% of SLU alumni are current donors. His office employs 22 students who make nightly calls. Fundraising has increased at SLU over all other Jesuit institutions over the last several years. The breakdown of development officers in the units as follows: three in CSB, two in CAS, five in SOM and one in CEPS. There is not a capital campaign at present; the emphasis now is on growing the endowment and scholarship funds. There is still $4.5-5 million left to raise for Chaifetz Arena. Holy Cross has the highest alumni contribution of the Jesuit colleges; each class there has an alumni representative and each class has a giving program. Participation of faculty in development is a great advantage as it impresses outside donors. None of the gift revenue is diverted to the budget. Twelve percent of unrestricted gifts, except for those designated for scholarships, goes toward University support and overhead.
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<td>FS Executive Committee Elections: Nominations Report</td>
<td>President-Elect Joanne Langan presented the nominations report for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. She reviewed the required qualifications for nomination. The EC nomination for Secretary is Linda Hoechst (DCHS); for the two positions of At Large Members the EC nominates Judy Durham (CAS), Mark Ferris (CSB), John Martin (SOM), and Huliyar Mallikarjuna (Parks). J. Langan asked for nominations from the floor. None were offered. J. Turner will solicit biographies from the nominees and will distribute them to senators after spring break.</td>
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<td>ITS Update—Tim Brooks, VP/Chief Information Officer</td>
<td>(Handouts) Tim Brooks, VP/Chief Information Officer, presented recent ITS accomplishments under his direction. He related that previously ITS was not oriented towards customer support and there was too much overhead. ITS has since 1.) designed and implemented a new organizational structure; 2.) created a dedicated team to support learning management systems; 3.) rolled out GoogleApps; 4.) established a formal quality assurance office; 5.) established a research computing support team; and 6.) worked on disaster recovery efforts. There was a question about software updates and incompatible versions; T. Brooks responded that he’s looking into having central applications as a way to avoid these types of problems. There was another question about updating classroom technology. T. Brooks answered that the current ITS budget is set up for a 10 year refreshment cycle when functionally computers are on a 4 year cycle. ITS is doing a University-wide inventory and will then make a proposal to Business &amp; Finance to address the disparity. Brooks stated that the Help Desk would need 5-6 more staff in order to provide round the clock coverage; he is looking at outsourcing to provide this service to faculty and students. In response to a question about User-to-Staff ratio, T. Brooks indicated that the average in higher education is 50:1, and in a typical academic setting it is often 100:1. At SLU the ratio is 175:1. T. Brooks then discussed the ITS Strategic Plan (handout). M. Joseph asked senators to solicit feedback from unit colleagues on ITS between now and the next meeting and send that information to her. She will compile the comments and forward them to Brooks.</td>
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<td>Q &amp; A—Report of the President and EC</td>
<td>M. Joseph asked the senators if they had any questions about the EC report. She elaborated on the newly formed Research Task Force, explaining that the idea is to generate revenue and visibility for SLU, and expand capabilities across the units. M. Joseph then invited M. Knuepfer, who will chair the Task Force, to comment. M. Knuepfer stated that there would be fora for faculty to discuss synergies and opportunities for collaboration in research. He will establish a blog to accomplish the same. He’d like to have focus groups in place by April.</td>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.</td>
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Respectfully submitted,
Jane Willman Turner
Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
Saint Louis University

Meeting of the Faculty Senate

February 24, 2009
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Auditorium B
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Report of the President and Executive Committee (EC)

I. Faculty Senate Meeting on February 24, 2009

This jam-packed meeting includes three guest presenters. Roy Ruckdeschel, the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees Development & Community Relations Committee, will give an overview of the Committee's functions and his role. VP-Advancement and University Relations Tom Keefe will provide his unit's perspective on the endowment and donations, speak to donation solicitation procedures, and respond to fundraising-related questions posed by senators at the December 2008 Senate meeting. Tim Brooks, VP-Information Technology Services, will talk about that unit's mission and goals, changes, accomplishments and planned projects, and a new governance structure.

II. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Nominations

In accordance with Senate Bylaw VI.8., the EC, serving as the Nominating Committee, will make its report of up to two nominees for each of the EC positions that will become open in April. Additional nominations for EC consideration may be proposed from the floor at this meeting. The positions are those of secretary (currently Jane Turner) and two members-at-large (currently Judy Durham and Mark Ferris). Jane is term-limited; Judy and Mark both are completing the terms of others and are eligible for election to terms of their own. The length of the term for all three positions is two years.

All nominees must meet the eligibility criteria identified in the Senate Bylaws. Bylaw IV.1. stipulates that nominees for secretary must have been a senator within the past five years or have chaired a Senate standing committee for at least two of the past five years. At-large nominees must have completed at least the first year of their first Senate term. Per Bylaw VI.8., other considerations taken into account by the EC in identifying nominees are "demonstrated commitment to Senate service, leadership in home unit, ability to meet Executive Committee obligations, and the representation of diverse units on the Executive Committee" (although there are no "seats" on the EC for representatives from specific college/schools/libraries—all EC members are, in essence, at-large members).

All nominees on the final slate will submit a brief biographical statement to the Senate secretary for distribution to all senators in mid-March. The formal election for the open EC positions will take place at the Senate's last meeting of the year, on April 28th; votes must be cast in person by senators or their designated alternates. The terms of the newly elected EC members begin at the end of the April meeting.

Also at the April 2009 meeting, Joanne Langan will become Senate president. Miriam Joseph remains on the EC for one more year as past-president. Both Mark Knuepfer and Alan Weinberger have another year remaining on their member-at-large terms.
III. Presentations on SLU FY 2010 Operating Budget and Endowments/Investments

The rescheduled presentations by VP/Chief Financial Officer Bob Woodruff and Treasurer/Chief Investment Officer Gary Whitworth finally took place on February 18th at a Faculty Senate-sponsored program. Provost Joe Weixlmann participated in the program, explicating on various points and responding to questions. G. Whitworth responded to the budget/investment questions raised at the December 2008 Senate meeting. Topics covered included:

- Budget Development Process; Key Elements of the Operating Budget
- Sources of Revenue; Expenses
- FY 2010 Budget Planning, including Context and Key Budget Assumptions (for both the St. Louis and Madrid Campuses)
- Enrollment; Proposed FY10 Undergraduate Student Term Bill Compared to FY09
- 5-Year History of Key SLU Tuition Rates (Undergrad, Law and Medical Schools, One-Year MBA)
- UMG Net Income Statement; Budget Concerns/Opportunities
- Endowment Objective; Spending Rate and Annual Operating Support; Endowment Gifts; Pooled Portfolio Returns and Asset Allocation

The presentation slides, excluding non-public financial information, have been posted on the Resources page on the Faculty Senate Web site (see http://www.slu.edu/organizations/fs/resources/index.html).

IV. Shared Governance Action Plan

The Core Planning Team has refined the Plan slightly in a couple of places and added a new column with “status” notes to document the progress made through January 31, 2009. The EC is quite pleased with the accomplishments to date.

V. Task Force to Enhance the University’s Research Mission

In his role as Interim Vice Provost for Research, Dr. Ray Tait, Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, is working collaboratively with faculty, administrators, and research administration staff throughout the University to explore ways in which existing research programs might be enhanced, synergies created, and new opportunities identified. Among the outcomes of these interactions is a proposal, initiated by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (principally Mark Knuepfer), for a research task force designed to develop a strategic plan that can be used to help facilitate the research success of SLU faculty.

Dr. Tait and Provost Weixlmann strongly support this proposal, which draws upon the research expertise and experience of faculty throughout the University (i.e., not solely in medical or science disciplines). Constituted in consultation with the EC, the task force will begin its work very soon. It will report to the Provost through Dr. Tait, who will serve as an ex officio member, and Mark Knuepfer, who will serve as chair. The deadline for completion of the task force’s work is December 1, 2009.

A new link, Research Task Force, has been added to the navigation bar on the Senate’s Web site. The Task Force’s charges are outlined in a document posted there. Once finalized, the list of Task Force members will be added. Other information pertaining to the Task Force and its work also will be posted as it becomes available.

VI. Emergency Notification Registration

Please continue to remind your faculty and staff colleagues to register their personal contact information. Annual verification is necessary to ensure the accuracy of the information needed for this purpose. Login through Banner Self-Service at https://ssbprd.slu.edu/ssbprd/twbkwbis_P_WWWLogin.