

Faculty Senate Meeting - Minutes April 13, 2004

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Members present: **Allied Health** – Robert Rowe, Maxine Kimbrell, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard, Kelly Landry; **Dentistry** – Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Jeffrey Green, Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Gregory Sloop; **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Claudine Dufrene, Susan Rick, Jane Sumner.

Members absent – Cathy Springstead, Carrie Mason, Jim Cade (Iraq), Jay Hunt (sabbatical), Brian Barkemeyer, Paula Gregory, Jean Jacob, Larry Carver, Patricia Beare.

Guest speaker: Leslie Capo

Both the February and March minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. Leslie Capo then spoke to the Senate about the upcoming graduation on May 14, 2004. Dr Rock would like more faculty attendance at graduation, since he feels it is a time of celebration for both students and faculty. To encourage more attendance and a sense of faculty collegiality, he has proposed a faculty luncheon after the ceremony to be held at the Dental School. Ms. Capo wanted input from the Senate as to type of luncheon, a time, and place. A discussion ensued about the luncheon proposal. Because many of the faculty participating in graduation would have been there very early in the morning, most faculty would be looking forward to going home rather than spending further time at a luncheon. It was felt by many members that a light breakfast before graduation at the Lakefront arena would be preferable to a luncheon afterwards. The breakfast could be set up at 8 AM in the Privateer Room that would allow faculty ample time to eat and congregate before graduation at 10 AM. Details would be worked out by Ms. Capo with further input from the Senate via President Porter.

Reports from Assembly Presidents or their representatives:

Medical School: no report

Nursing: no report

Dental School: reported that changes in the HSC Handbook are being considered with respect to CM 24, the appeals procedure. However, it appears that items in the Handbook cannot be changed at the faculty level. Thus, the current changes in the Handbook deal mainly with updating language, etc.

Allied Health: Separation of schools in New Orleans and Shreveport has been accomplished. Therefore, the by-laws of the School of Allied Health are under revision and will be voted upon by the faculty in several weeks. A new dean search is under way and the morale of the faculty is high because of the change in school status.

Library: Lloyd reported that the week of April 11th is Medical Information Week. There will be MIW exhibits in the atrium on Wednesday 14th. Graduate Research Day at the Pennington Center was well attended with excellent poster presentations.

Old Business:

Followup on physical plant changes (Chatelain) – ID badges still need to be changed to open the parking garage gate at night. Also, signs need to be erected in walkway elevator to clarify directions to various clinics. Members of the Facilities and Safety Committee will walk Chatelain through walkway and elevator for placing appropriate signs.

Administrator evaluations - Administrator evaluations, deans and higher, were discussed at some length and it was felt by the Senate members that our original resolution requiring evaluation one year after hire and every two years thereafter was reasonable and within the guidelines of the Strategic Plan of 1995 (Refer to Strategic Plan, pages 24-25). It was proposed that senior faculty should have some input to administrator evaluations.

Committee Reports:

Board of Supervisors – Jane Sumner reported that Jenkins is pro tem Chancellor of LSU-BR campus with the departure of Chancellor Smith to the University of Washington. Definity Health Plan is doing well with increased enrollment and member satisfaction. No final decision has been reached on tuition waivers for faculty, staff, and dependents. LSUHSC-NO and Shreveport, and UNO support tuition waivers. However, LSU-BR campus has been dragging its feet due to possible cost problems. It was felt that tuition waivers for LSU faculty would be a good recruiting tool for the LSU system. If waivers were given, would faculty, staff and dependents be permitted to attend only the school where employed? The current situation on tuition waivers is under further consideration.

Facilities and Safety Committee: no report

Electronic Communications committee: no report

Constitution and By-laws Committee: no report

Clinical Education Committee: no report

Faculty and Welfare Committee: no report

Research Committee: Research space at the Dental school is being evaluated and reassigned to accommodate new hires for the Center of Oral Biology.

Nominating Committee: Committee has met and list of nominees being prepared for May meeting

New Business: All candidates for Dean of the School of Public Health have been interviewed. Two names were sent to Dr. Rock. An internal candidate, Dr. Elizabeth Fonham, has been named the new Dean. It was noted that accreditation for the SPH will probably take 2 years. Provisional accreditation is envisioned prior to that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Submitted,

Don L. Layman, secretary