

**LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes – August 12, 2003**

President Johnny Porter called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's conference room. Members present were: Allied Health – Doris Cather, Robert Rowe, Maxine Kimbrell, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard; Medicine – Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Jean Jacob, Peter Winsauer, Larry Carver; Nursing – Susan Rick, Ann Byerly; Dentistry – Johnny Porter, Cathy Springstead, Jim Cade, Don Layman; Graduate – Kurt Varner. It was noted that several members were on vacation and one, Jay Hunt, was on sabbatical leave. The minutes of the July 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

President Porter introduced Mr. Don Depp, the representative of Sedexo Food Service, who discussed their plan for the new food service. Sedexo plans to spend \$2.4 million to upgrade service and install major new equipment at hospitals, MEB, and dental school cafeterias. Approximately, \$700,000 will be spent to improve hospital cafeterias and \$420,000 for the MEB and dental school. Mr Depp stated that delays in upgrades of new equipment were because of bids for electrical and plumbing contracts that are required by the LSU system. There will be increased food preparation at the MEB cafeteria and a Starbucks coffee stand will be installed in the atrium between the MEB and Allied health buildings. Sedexo was chosen for food service because they promise to improve food service and menu offerings without raising food costs. They are able to do this by reducing operating costs and cutting personnel. It was suggested that Mr Depp make a presentation to the Faculty Assemblies to inform all schools that will be affected by the change in food service and to get further input.

Vice Chancellor, Ronnie Smith, reported that Dr. Rock desires to turn LSUHSC into a no smoking campus and that he would like to get faculty input on a smoking ban. The no smoking policy of the HSC has been reviewed by attorneys to determine what steps can be legally taken for implementation of a smoke-free environment. Issues of dormitory leases, clarification of leases to prospective dorm residents, enforcement, and designated areas for smoking were discussed. Designated smoking areas were to be restricted to remote areas where little foot traffic occurs. There was a discussion about smoking in offices, near buildings, or on city sidewalks, etc. How would the smoking ban be enforced? Would there be warnings, how many before action was taken, and what action would be taken against repeated smoking violations?

President Porter charged the Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee to come up with a proposal for the Senate to address the smoking policy outlined by Vice Chancellor Smith. It was suggested that any smoking ban policy needs to address the large number of staff who smoke. Perhaps, some sort of smoking cessation program needs to be implemented by the LSUHSC for staff or faculty who smoke, if a ban is to be successful.

Dr. Moerschbaecher presented an overview of the upcoming SACS re-accreditation for the HSC in 2004. He then introduced Dr. Levitzky, who is a veteran of several SACS accreditations of the HSC. The upcoming SACS re-accreditation will be much easier than previous ones because of recent reorganization of SACS. Due to this reorganization

LSUHSC received an additional 11<sup>th</sup> year of accreditation. SACS, which includes 11 Southern states, is one of six regional bodies throughout the US that accredits universities. Two major documents are required for accreditation: 1. **Compliance Certification Document** and 2. **Quality Enhancement Plan**.

**The Compliance Certification Document** is due August 15, 2004. It includes the names of all teaching faculty, degrees and school where obtained, and what courses taught. Teaching is defined as that necessary for any and all degree granting programs. Associate Certificate programs for post-graduates and residents are not included in this definition. The assembly of the teaching faculty roster will be done in association with the Shreveport HSC. **The Quality Enhancement Plan** will have a broad impact on all schools. Each school will need to demonstrate a quality enhancement of student learning in their programs since the last accreditation site visit.

The site visit will occur February-March 2005. There will be eight site visitors. New School of Public Health and their teaching faculty will be included in site visit. Sometime in December 2005 the LSUHSC will be informed about the status of accreditation.

President Porter briefly discussed assignment to the various Senate committees. Charges were given to several committees to develop responses to their charge by President Porter. The charge to the Electronic Communication Committee was to develop a Senate Website for posting of information of matters Senatorial, minutes, ongoing projects, resolutions, etc. A charge was given to the Constitutions, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations and Elections Committee to craft a resolution by the Senate to be presented to the administration with regard to a faculty review of newly hired deans after 3-5 years at their position. Reports for these committees will be due at the September meeting. The Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee is to draft a response to the no smoking policy set forth by Dr. Rock as communicated by Vice Chancellor Smith.

President Porter reported on the August BOS budget meeting. Dr. Rock stated to the Board of Supervisors that the pending \$79 million cut to hospitals would not compromise the quality of service, but deep cuts in existing programs would be necessary to meet the deficit. These cuts would affect our residency programs, numbers of residency slots, teaching, etc.

President Porter encouraged all Senators to join in meeting with Dr. Hollier, the Dean candidate, in Auditorium A on Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Larry Carver, past president, received a letter from Dr. Sanders, Chair, Medicine, praising the Senate for their efforts over the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Submitted

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