

Faculty Senate – Minutes
January 13, 2004

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's conference room. Members present were: **Allied Health** – Andy Pellett, Robert Rowe, Larry Broussard; **Dental School** – Cathy Springstead, Carrie Mason, Jim Cade, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Medicine** – Jeffery Green, Brian Barkemeyer, Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Peter Winsauer; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Nursing** – Jane Sumner, Ann Byerly, Susan Rick, Patricia Beare. The minutes of 12/09/03 were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Report of Faculty Assemblies:

Medical School: Bob Richards reported that the new dean, Dr. Larry Hollier, will be on board as of January 1, 2004, but will take over full time on February 1, 2004. The loss of two prominent physicians in Anesthesiology has left the program in limbo and has jeopardized its chance of becoming accredited. If the budget situation is not quickly rectified at Charity, it opens the possibility that several residency programs, will lose accreditation and adversely affect the teaching mission of the HSC. The ENT program is particularly vulnerable with the proposed cut backs in the budget of Charity Hospital.

Nursing School: Susan Rick reported that the nursing program is in progress and appears to be going well.

Dental School: Several delegates reported that the Faculty Assembly Constitution of the Dental School now conforms closely to the HSC Constitution. By following the HSC Constitution the number of By-Laws has been greatly reduced. Dr. Cade will be sent to Iraq in February 2004 for 3 months. We wish him well and a safe return.

Allied Health: Although the Board of Supervisors has approved the separation of the schools in New Orleans and Shreveport, it still may require legislative approval. The search for a new Dean is in place

Library: A new policy is in place that prohibits the use of cell phones in the library.

Graduate School: no report

Old Business: Jennifer Lloyd and her committee are to revisit Vice Chancellor, Joel Chatelain's response to the Senate's concern about the hump in the walkway, drainage of the dental school parking lot, temperature of several offices in the Allied Health building, and sign placement in the walkway. Several issues were discussed concerning the inaccessibility of wheel chairs to the dental school restrooms, soap dispensers in restrooms, use of ID badges to open walkway gate. These concerns will be taken up by Lloyd's committee for future evaluation and discussion.

Jane Sumner and her committee recommended that the resolution concerning evaluation of Deans and administrators above them be forwarded to Dr. Rock. The Faculty Senate approved a resolution in regard of review of upper level administrators.

Committee Reports:

Board of Supervisors: BoS was allowed by the legislature to raise tuition by 7% at the HSC which should raise \$385,000. Faculty Group Practice is a separate identity from the State that has its own board of directors. President Jenkins wants to have an appointee on the board to be informed about what's happening with Faculty Practice. Another issue was the anticipated cuts in the budget of the Charity System and what these cuts mean to the teaching mission and residency programs to the HSC. It is expected that the State will receive \$101 million from the federal government, but it is uncertain how much of this money the Charity System will receive since the State is looking at a \$400 million deficit.

Facilities and Safety Committee: This committee is to follow up on Vice Chancellor Chatelain's response to the Senate's concerns about the walkway, parking, etc.

Electronic Communications Committee: Richards reports that the Senate website is under development and when it is up and running Senate minutes and other items of interest will be posted there.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws have been initiated that include the new formed School of Public Health.

Clinical Education Committee: Richards reported that due to budget cuts in the Charity System have and will impact the HSC teaching mission and residency programs. Loss of residency programs and accreditation is a real possibility. Anesthesiology and the ENT programs are at risk.

New Business: Currently, LSU-A&M and the LSUHSC do not have post tenure review policy in place. PM-35 requires a post tenure policy to be initiated for all campuses in the LSU system. The HSC is waiting for the Baton Rouge campus to provide leadership involving a post tenure review policy. The LSU-A&M Senate is addressing this issue and it was felt that our Faculty Senate should wait on their findings before taking any action on post tenure review.

The BoR has a formula for funding the LSU system as a way of controlling funds to the HSC.

Other issues were discussed (tenure at community colleges and other institutions in LA) but were tabled for a future meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Don Layman, Secretary