Faculty Senate – Minutes March 10, 2004

President-Elect Jacobs called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Members present were: **Allied Health** – Robert Rowe, Larry Broussard, Andy Pellett, Maxine Kimbrell; **Dentistry** – Cathy Springstead, Carrie Mason; **Graduate School** – none; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Bob Richards, Brian Barkemeyer, Mike Levitzky, Peter Winsauer, Jean Jacob, Jeffrey Green, Gregory Sloop; and **Nursing** – Susan Rick, Ann Byerly, Pat Beare, Kay Lopez for Jane Sumner.

Before discussing the planned agenda, Jean Jacob presented two sheets of statistics, which were given to her by Chancellor Rock. The first sheet indicated the increased "activity level" in the Office of Research Services over a four-year period (2000-2003). The second sheet summarized NIH awards; almost 20 million dollars have been awarded to Louisiana institutions; of that LSUHSC-New Orleans has received just over 9 million. Dr. Rock was very proud of these numbers and wanted the faculty senate to be aware of our success.

The approval of February's minutes was tabled until the April meeting as they were sent out too late for most delegates to read.

Report of Faculty Assemblies

Medical School – Brian Barkemeyer reported that the new dean is identifying problems both big and small and that corrections are being planned. Dean Hollier has been meeting with clinical faculty.

Nursing School – Reported that they have completed their Administrative evaluations. Results have been forwarded to appropriate individuals, but not presented to the faculty as yet.

Dental School – no report Allied Health School – no report Library – no report Graduate School – no report

Old Business

The Facilities, Security, and Safety Committee continues to follow up on Senate issues with VC Joel Chatelain:

- 1. The Walkway Hump is still being investigated; Chatelain is working on a cost estimate and a source of funding.
- 2. The covered entrance from the Walkway into 1542 Tulane Avenue is a project under MCLNO jurisdiction; Chatelain will check on its progress.
- 3. Low spots on the Walkway and flooding; Chatelain is working with the contractor to correct.

The fourth item was determined to be a security matter and so was referred to VC Ron Gardner; this item concerned the use of the Walkway gate and ID cards; Gardner is investigating the matter.

Resolution on Administrator Evaluation is tabled until April.

Tuition waiver for faculty was discussed and it was noted that this item is still in the works. Henry Robertson, LSU System Faculty Advisory Council, thanked the LSUHSC Faculty Senate for its strong response to his survey. The money still must be found to support such a program.

At the February meeting, President Porter charged the Library representative to ascertain the validity of a boycott announced from the University of California system of the Cell Press journal titles. Jennifer Lloyd reported that the boycott was verifiable.

Committee Reports

Board of Supervisors – An email summary was sent to all members.

Facilities, Security, and Safety – see under Old Business item a.

Electronic Communications – no report

Constitution and Bylaws - no report

Clinical Education – no report

Faculty and Welfare – no report

Research – The space policy that the Faculty Senate Research Committee worked on is now in effect; it is being implemented at the Dental School.

New Business

Dean of Public Health Search – Four interviews have been conducted so far; the final interview is taking place on Thursday, March 12th.

Tom Wolfe from Psychiatry addressed the Faculty Senate to explain the APRIL (Academic Performance Resources in LSUHSC Student Health Services) program. This program offers an array of services to students and they are promoting it to various groups on campus to raise faculty awareness. The Student Health Service is the conduit for all the programs.

Agenda for the CCLU (Conference of Louisiana College and Universities) – Anyone can attend this conference. Jane Sumner will attend and represent us.

The BOS will be at UNO this month.

The Nominating Committee was charged with generating a list of nominees by the May meeting for June elections; the members of the Nominating Committee are Bob Rowe, Chair; Mike Levitzky, Cathy Springstead, and Susan Rick.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted, Jennifer K. Lloyd