

Faculty Senate Meeting - Minutes
May 11, 2004

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Members present: **Allied Health** – Robert Rowe, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard; **Dentistry** – Johnny Porter, Don Layman, Cathy Springstead; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Gregory Sloop, Peter Winsauer; **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Claudine Dufrene, Susan Rick, Patricia Beare.

Members absent – Kelly Alig, Maxine Kimbrell, Carrie Mason, Jim Cade (Iraq), Jay Hunt (sabbatical), Brian Barkemeyer, Paula Gregory, Jean Jacob, Larry Carver, Jeffrey Green, Jane Sumner.

The April Senate minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote after minor changes.

Reports from Assembly Presidents or their representatives:

Medical School: Bob Richards reported that Dean Hollier proposes a mission based evaluation of faculty. Review of faculty by the Dean will be developed to determine whether goals of mission based objectives are being met by the faculty.

Nursing: no report

Dental School: Cathy Springstead reported that there was a controversy over the graduation status of one senior dental student. (In the weeks that followed it was decided that the student would graduate at a later date after all requirements of the school are met.)

Allied Health: Bob Rowe reported that the revised By-Laws of the School of Allied Health will be voted on by the Allied Health faculty and the results will be known by the next meeting. The Dean Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Moerschbaecher, has been formed and a national search is currently under way.

Library: Lloyd reported that the library joined the Public Library of Science in addition to BioMed Central. PLoS membership allows LSUHSC researchers to publish at reduced rates while BioMed Central membership waives publishing fees.

Graduate School: no report

Old Business:

- a) Follow up on Chatelain items - It was suggested that the drain of the dental school faculty parking lot needs some kind of box to catch leaves to prevent the drain from clogging and flooding the lot and cars. Follow up on this will be needed.
- b) Resolution on administrator evaluations – Dr Porter will meet with Dr. Rock about the nature and time frame for administrator evaluations.
- c) Graduation breakfast – there will be a breakfast beginning at 8 AM for those faculty participating in the graduation exercises

Committee Reports:

a) Board of Supervisors – Here are some of the highlights of the meeting. For further details check the full report in the library. Patricia Beare reported that the President of the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges is considering eliminating tenure for anyone hired after September 1999. Tenure would be replaced by 2 and 3 year rolling contracts. Every faculty senate is asked to pass a resolution opposing changes in tenure. LCTC needs our support to keep tenure in their schools. It was noted that primary and secondary school teachers have tenure and certainly deserving LCTC faculty ought to have tenure as well. Pres. Porter will draft a resolution supporting tenure at LCTCs and e-mail the draft to all Senators for their input (see under new business). Definity Health Plan has highest satisfaction rate for any health plan in the state. So far over 9,000 employees have been enrolled in the plan. Property for the proposed cancer research center in Shreveport has been obtained. At the meeting outgoing women's basketball coach, Sue Gunter, was recognized for her contributions to the LSU athletic program. \$1.7 million was given to the schools of higher education in the state. It was noted that the private schools benefited more than the state universities. Because of these issues it was suggested that the Faculty Senate develop a Public Affairs Committee to lobby the state legislature on issues concerning the LSU system.

Facilities and Safety Committee: no report

Electronic Communications committee: Jennifer Lloyd presented the first draft of the faculty senate webpage. The page is currently in development and is not live. She demonstrated how to navigate the website and view the links to the Chancellor memoranda, senate resolutions, bylaws, etc. Recent copies of Senate Bylaws and clarification of Senate resolutions were requested for completing links of the webpage. Other links were proposed including those containing the Faculty Handbook, Faculty Assembly minutes, Faculty Advisory Council, etc. The committee would like more input, feedback, and/or corrections on matters senatorial for the webpage. Lloyd advised that the website needs approval from Vice Chancellor Smith to become operational, but she will include links as they are needed or become available.

Constitution and By-laws Committee: no report

Clinical Education Committee: no report

Faculty and Welfare Committee: no report

Research Committee: no report

Nominating Committee: Robert Rowe stated that the committee has met and the following nominees were presented: President–elect: Michael Levitzky, Secretary: Don Layman, representatives to the LSU system: Jane Sumner and Patricia Beare. Nominations will be kept open until the next meeting in June.

New Business: A discussion ensued concerning the Senate's support of tenure at the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges. The Senate was in support of tenure at the LCTCs. Drs. Porter and Levitzky will prepare a draft resolution that will be e-mailed to each member for their input. President Porter encouraged all senators to attend the breakfast and graduation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Submitted,

Don L. Layman, Secretary