

Faculty Senate Minutes – August 10, 2004

President-Elect Mike Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Members present: **Allied Health** – Larry Broussard, David Pariser, Andy Pellett, Sarintha Stricklin; **Dental** – Carrie Mason, Cathy Springstead; **Graduate** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Jeff Green, Mike Levitzky; **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Charlene Coco, Susan, Rick; **Public Health** – Cathy Correa.

Members absent: Brian Barkemeyer, Patricia Beare, Jim Cade, Paula Gregory, Thomas Houston, Jay Hunt, Jean Jacob, Don Layman, Bob Richards, Bob Rowe.

Guests: Roy Clay

President-Elect Levitzky welcomed any new senators. All senators introduced or re-introduced themselves.

July minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

New Business:

1. Roy Clay from the Office of Compliance was asked to address the issue of the LSUHSC-NO Code of Conduct that was discussed in the July meeting.

Mr. Clay stated that the Code of Conduct was sent out in order to comply with the guidelines for the U.S. Sentencing Commission. These guidelines allow for an organization to mitigate penalties if that organization has an effective compliance program in place. There are seven elements required by the Commission:

1. a compliance officer
2. a written Code of Conduct and policies
3. a training program to educate employees
4. an anonymous hotline to report violations
5. a response mechanism for reported violations
6. a process to verify the trustworthiness of employees
7. a monitoring program to ensure that the organization is in compliance.

In 1998 the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that all the health science centers need a compliance program. Dr. Rock has re-organized and centralized the LSUHSC-NO compliance office.

2. The Health Sciences Center mission statement has been revised in preparation for the upcoming SACS accreditation. The new statement has been sent to Baton Rouge for approval. The Faculty Senate approved the revision unanimously by voice vote.

3. Discussion was held in regard to a proposed change in the Bylaws to Article II, Section 5. This change was proposed the July meeting. The following statement would be added to line 45: “Although individual faculty from the LSUHSC may communicate directly with the representative bodies, administration and/or faculty of other colleges or universities within the state, those individuals may only express their personal opinions. Any communication (questions, comments, opinions or resolutions)

with individuals or organizations outside of LSUHSC-NO ascribed, either real or intended, to the LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate must first be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.”

During the discussion, it was suggested that the phrase “within the state” was unnecessary. And that the phrase “colleges or universities” be changed to “colleges, universities, or other entities”. A final vote on this proposal will occur at the September meeting.

4. Ann Byerly discussed the possibility of the faculty senate offering support for the NO/AIDS Taskforce. She stated that many faculty members or campus organizations were solicited for various charity events. These events are not being approved through the university administration. If an LSUHSC banner/name/logo is used (like during the NO/AIDS walk) who is approving this use? Is there a clearinghouse on campus?

President-Elect Levitzky charged Ann Byerly, as a member of the Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare Committee, to discover if there is a path for university approval or support. Additionally, Ann Byerly wanted to be sure that everyone on the senate was aware of the governor’s “Lighten Up Louisiana” health promotion program.

Committee Reports:

Electronic Communications: Jennifer Lloyd reported that the Faculty Senate Website had been submitted to the website administrators on August 5th. On August 9th, it was forwarded from the web team to the university administration for final approval.

Constitution and Bylaws: See discussion under new business.

Reports from Assembly Presidents or their representatives:

Allied Health School: Andy Pellett reported that in regard to the security issues mention at last month’s meeting, the Executive Board of the Allied Health Faculty Assembly met with the acting dean of the SAHP. Changes have been made to the 10th floor of the SAHP/Nursing building. These changes include: stairwell doors now have alarms; exterior doors are now locked; and university police staffing levels have increased. Additionally, the dean search committee in is progress. There are 11 candidates.

Public Health School: Cathy Correa reported that the SPH has held their 1st orientation for incoming students. There are three new programs this fall: Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Environmental Health Sciences. In the spring two more will be added: Health Promotion & Education and Health Sciences Administration. The UNO Technical Building is under renovation and the SPH will continue to be housed there. Additionally the National requirements for schools of public health have been increased. Now 3 PhD programs are necessary instead of 1. Also, the number of credit hours per MPH has been increased.

President-Elect Levitzky adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer K. Lloyd, acting secretary