

**LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate Meeting
December 14, 2004**

President elect Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's conference room.

Members present: Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Robert Rowe, David Pariser; **Dental School** – Cathy Springstead, Jim Cade, Carrie Mason, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Thomas Wolf, Greg Bagby; **Nursing** – Susan Rick, Ann Byerly, Charlene Coco; **Public Health** – Catherine Correa, Thomas Houston
Members absent: Doris Cather, Sarintha Stricklin, Jay Hunt, Jeffrey Green, Brian Barkemeyer, Paula Gregory, Dan Kapusta, Patricia Beare, Sally Ruel, Jean Jacob.
Guest: Dr. Rock

1. The November minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.
2. Old business – none
3. New business
 - a. Parking fee increases – Parking fees for downtown faculty will be increased \$5 per month beginning January 1, 2005. After a brief discussion it was felt by Senate members that faculty parking fees were reasonable considering cost of surrounding parking. Since the Senate represents the only the faculty and not staff, it was felt that staff parking fees were beyond the purview of the Senate. However, the Senate would support graduated parking fees for staff, if and when that issue was entertained in the future. Increased fees were necessary to make improvements in the Roman street elevators, striping, etc.
 - b. LSUHSC-NO Faculty Club - Dr. Rock presented information about a faculty club that will be located in the Sister Stanislaus Memorial Hall on S. Claiborne Avenue. It will include the 12th, 13th, and 14th floors of the building. The 12th floor will house a dining room for approximately 50 people. Gourmet food will be provided by Sodexo. The 13th floor will accommodate a cocktail lounge for approximately 50 people. The 14th floor will provide space for a meeting and conference room. Renovations are to begin in January 2005 and the opening is planned for early Spring. Dr. Rock charged the Senate to develop Faculty Club policies with regard to who could dine there, use of meeting rooms, hours of service, monthly or yearly fees, security, etc. Also, input from faculty was wanted as to the décor of the Faculty Club including wall colors, types of furniture, etc.
 - c. A discussion followed after Dr. Rock's presentation. It was felt by the Senate that such a facility would be an addition to the HSC. A Faculty Club would provide an opportunity for faculty to get together for lunch, a place for seminars and faculty meetings, and could be used for recruiting new faculty. However, that being said, would the faculty use it enough to make it successful? Concerns were raised as to parking for those faculty who come from out lying areas such as Public Health or the Dental

School. Since most faculty commute, how many would use the lounge after work hours? These issues were discussed at some length. It was decided that a committee be formed to investigate these issues with regard to the Faculty Club and report back to the Senate. The committee consists of representation from all schools with Ann Byerly, Chair, and Charlene Coco, David Pariser, Mike Levitzky, Don Layman, Catherine Correa, and Robert Rowe, members.

4. Committee Reports:

Tom Houston reported that the Faculty Assembly of the School of Public Health voted not to accept any research funding from the tobacco industry or corporations that own tobacco interests. This resolution is supported by the School of Public Health. Several members of the Senate brought up the issue of the role of the School in determining such funding by individual researchers. To what degree are individual researchers bound by this type of resolution was one of the questions asked. No conclusion was reached.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Layman, Secretary