

**LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 15, 2005**

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

**Members present:** **Allied Health** – Larry Broussard, Robert Rowe, Sarintha Stricklin, David Pariser; **Dental School** – Cathy Springstead, Jim Cade, Carrie Mason, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner, Jay Hunt; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Thomas Wolf, Dan Kapusta, Greg Bagby; **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Patricia Beare, Jane Sumner, member-at-large; **Public Health** – Catherine Correa, Thomas Houston.

**Guests present:** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Joseph Moerschbaecher and Dr. Marion Freistadt, Associate Professor.

The January minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote following a brief discussion of the SACS site visit by the Senate.

**Visitor Presentations**

1. Dr. Moerschbaecher spoke about the upcoming SACS accreditation which will occur on March 7, 8, and 9, 2005. He and Dr. Levitzky (LSUHSC SACS liaison) have been working on several documents required by the SACS Accreditation Committee: the **Compliance of Certification** and the **Quality Enhancement Plan**. The Compliance of Certification is reviewed off-site, but required a response by LSUHSC. Drs. Moerschbaecher and Levitzky prepared a draft document (Focus Report) that responded to the SACS certification report and sent it to SACS Committee in early January 2005.

The **Quality Enhancement Plan** which involves the enhancement of student educational opportunities at LSUHSC over the next 5-10 years was stressed as being very important in the accreditation process. Student educational enhancement centered on the following three areas: 1) use of patient simulators in instruction for medical, dental, and allied health students; 2) web-based learning, testing, and use of computers in learning; 3) use of the state-of-the-art research core facility instrumentation for graduate and allied health students. LSUHSC has a QEP in place with regard to curriculum, web-based learning, and several educational enhancement opportunities for students and should have no trouble meeting these requirements.

With regard to the actual site visit on March 7, 8, & 9, 2005, Drs Crump and Goldstein from the Medical College of Georgia will arrive on March 7th to organize the SACS accreditation visit. The next day 12 site visitors will descend on the campus to meet with the Deans, Associate Deans, faculty and students. All faculty assemblies and full time faculty will be informed so that they will be available for the site visitors. On the last day of the site visit there will be exit interviews with Drs. Rock and MacDonald and other administration officials.

2. Dr. Freistadt from the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology informed the Senate of the formation of a Chapter of the American Association of University Professors on the HSC campus. The purpose of this new Chapter of the AAUP is to support the policies and goals of the National AAUP with regard to faculty matters. It was pointed out that several members of the Senate are members of the National AAUP. There are Chapters at Tulane, SUNO, Southeastern, and the LSU-Baton Rouge campuses. A discussion followed about the need and purpose of a local chapter on the HSC campus. Information regarding AAUP can be obtained at the AAUP website- AAUP.org. Also, the matter of dues was discussed as to whether local, state, or national dues would be collected. Currently, dues for the national AAUP are \$150.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

After adjournment the Senate was given a tour of the Wellness Fitness Center and to inspect the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> floors of the Stanislaus Memorial Hall (Charity nursing building) which is designated to be the proposed Faculty Club and conference center. The renovation of the fitness center is finished and now awaiting the installation of the exercise equipment. The proposed area for the Faculty Club, lounge, and conference room has been gutted and awaits renovation. The dining area is small with a very low ceiling. In its present state, extensive renovations will be needed to make the area a viable Faculty Club, Lounge, and Conference center. However, there is an expansive view overlooking the city and HSC.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Layman, Secretary