

Faculty Senate Minutes
August 2005

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. in the chancellor's conference room on the 8th floor of the resource center building on Tuesday, August 9, 2005.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Doris Cather, Kevin Lord, Robert Rowe, Sarintha Stricklin;

Dentistry – Jim Cade, Carrie Mason, Cathy Springstead;

Graduate School – Angela Amedee;

Library – Jennifer Lloyd;

Medicine – Greg Bagby, Paula Gregory, Dan Kapusta, Michael Levitzky;

Nursing –Christine Langer, Barbara Kellem (substituting for Sally Ruel); and

Public Health – Cathy Correa.

Those absent included:

Dentistry – Johnny Porter;

Graduate School – Andy Catling;

Medicine – Bob Richards, Tom Wolf;

Nursing – Pat Beare, Ann Byerly, Sally Ruel; and

Public Health – Tom Houston.

Agenda

1. The first order of business was introductions of new and returning senators.
 - a. The planned meeting protocol was outlined. Levitzky stated that he would like the meetings to be conducted in an efficient manner, using Robert's Rule of Order. Guests will always speak first. And the meetings should end by 5 p.m.
 - b. The faculty senate website was given <http://www.lsuhsu.edu/no/schools/facultysenate/> and all senators were encouraged to review the bylaws which are included as a PDF link on that page.
2. The minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously via voice vote.
3. Committee assignments were then negotiated, with the final assignments as follows:

Clinical Education, Service and Patient Care

Bob Rowe, Chair

Paula Gregory

Thomas Houston

Kevin Lord

Cathy Springstead

Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections

Larry Broussard, Chair

Pat Beare

Doris Cather

Electronic Communications

Jennifer Lloyd, chair

Bob Richards

Facilities, Safety, and Security

Cathy Correa, chair
James Cade
Christine Langer

Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare

Carrie Mason, chair
Ann Byerly
Christine Langer
Mike Levitzky
Tom Wolf

Research

Greg Bagby, chair
Angela Amedee
Andy Catling
Dan Kapusta
Sarintha Stricklin

4. The senate goals for the year were outlined with contributions from the entire senate.
 - For the executive committee to meet with the chancellor on a regular basis
 - To further meet with vice-chancellors when appropriate
 - To function as a unified body, not an amalgamation of schools
 - To become more powerful
 - To establish better communication with university administration to aid in transparency
 - To address issues of salary, benefits, healthcare coverage, and faculty retention
 - To establish better relationships with administration.
 - To communicate with computer services
 - Since there is a new vice-chancellor for research, have a member of the faculty senate appointed to the research committee
 - Finagle appoints for faculty senate members on the University Standing Committee and on search committees, using the SoM as a model.
 - To establish better communication with the students.
5. Old Business
 - a. Faculty Club – this is now a dead issue as the space we looked at is no longer being pursued.
 - b. Day care – still no firm date for opening. The day care is expected to be self-sustaining. They still need to advertise and recruit.
6. New Business
 - a. Fragrance policy – Christine Langer stated that according to the Surgeon General asthma is an epidemic in this country. We need to be proactive about removing triggers to respiratory distress. Langer proposed banning fragrance in all patient care areas. Levitzky stated that this is a complex issue because what exactly constitutes fragrance. This issue was referred to the Faculty Welfare committee for further study.
 - b. Problems with “blocked as SPAM” emails – Jennifer Lloyd stated that one of the librarians discovered that essential emails were being blocked as SPAM because

the senders had erroneously been put on the blocked list. Can we get this list published by Computer Services to verify that important senders are not blocked?

- c. Other new business
 - Public Health Faculty Assembly wanted to know how the number of senators is apportioned by school. And were interested in inquiring whether they could increase the number of senators. This matter was referred to the Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections committee.
 - The issue of the Group Benefits contracts was raised by Ann Byerly. The latest approved list of physicians did not include any LSUHSC doctors. Also, Tenet is no longer a provider of services. Referred to the Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare committee.
7. Reports
 - a. Assemblies
 - i. Allied Health – no report
 - ii. Dentistry – There was an issue regarding locks and keys at the Dental School. Keys were assigned twice but now the system is working better.
 - iii. Graduate Studies – no report
 - iv. Library – no report
 - v. Medicine – no report
 - vi. Nursing – no report
 - vii. Public Health – no report
 - b. Committees – no report
 - c. Other – no report
8. Adjournment at 4:47 p.m.

Jennifer K. Lloyd
Secretary, Faculty Senate