

Faculty Senate Minutes October 2006

President Beare called the meeting to order 3:33 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on the 8th floor of the Resource Center building on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Scott Rubin, Jo Thompson;
Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Dennis Paul, Alan Ripps;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee, Andy Catling;
Library – Jennifer Lloyd;
Medicine – Greg Bagby, Robin English, Robert Richards;
Nursing – Pat Beare, Ann Byerly, Christine Langer, Mikki Kite (substituting for Sally Ruel);
Public Health – Ed Peters, Neal Simonsen; and
Ex-Officio – Mike Levitzky.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kevin Lord, Sarintha Stricklin;
Dentistry – Carrie Mason; Johnny Porter;
Medicine – Paula Gregory, Dan Kapusta, Pamela Lucchesi, Lolie Yu; and
Nursing – Susan Rick.

Agenda Items 1a and 1b were guest speakers; neither of whom was able to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of September minutes
September minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3a: Old Business – Increasing the number of PH Senators
The motion to update the Faculty Senate Bylaws to increase the number of School of Public Health Senators from 2 to 5, bringing the total number of senators to 31 was approved with one abstention.

Agenda Item 3b: Old Business – Patient access to clinic buildings
Scott Rubin reported that the elevators in the parking garage will not be repaired for months. Allied Health is scheduling patients with mobility issues on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They can park in the old valet lot and use the elevator at Gravier and Derbigny (the one for the Walk to Wellness), but this is still a log walk. Mike Levitzky asked how many patients per day were involved. Rubin replied about 12. Alan Ripps suggested that golf carts might be an option; that is what is being used for the dental clinic in Baton Rouge.

Agenda Item 3c: Other Old Business
There was no other old business.

Agenda Item 4a: New business – Student Security Clearances
Ann Byerly said that two CRNA students were barred from the operating room at River West Hospital in Plaquemine. This hospital requires its own background checks and the students had not paid for them. This is an issue for many students as they may rotate to clinicals in multiple locations and each location may cost as much as \$30 to \$50. Kay Lopez handles the background checks for the School of Nursing and she attended the meeting to clarify the issues that they are having. Each contracted location might have different requirements, so each student might have

to go through 10-12 checks with accompanying fees. Jo Thompson added that this is becoming an issue for Allied Health students with field placements as well. Bob Richards stated that he was not aware of background checks being conducted for medical students. Mike Levitzky countered that he thought the checks were done before the student was admitted. Greg Bagby asked if this had been brought up Vice Chancellor. Moerschbaeche. Lopez replied that it had been brought up to Hollier. Andy Catling asked if security checks were included as part of the original agreement for hosting clinicals. Lopez said that in some cases it had been written in. Byerly added that some universities are doing in-house screening but we can't according to the lawyers. Lopez said that they have investigated an outside contractor and the high level screening would cost \$100, but that Kathy Muslow (LSU Systems attorney) doesn't want these results sent to the school. Levitzky suggested that individuals from the student affairs offices from the various schools used to meet with Dr. Moerschbaeche and that this group might be the appropriate ones to address this issue. If that group is re-activated, then perhaps this can be taken care of. He recommended that the various schools bring the issue to their student affairs offices. Ann Byerly requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Moerschbaeche stating that the senate feels student security clearances are an issue; and that the next time the student affairs committee meets that this issue is addressed.

Agenda Item 4b: Other New Business

Bob Richards suggested that the Bylaws be further amended so that section 2, letter A be altered from "There will be eight senators from the LSUHSC-NO Faculty Assembly of the School of Medicine, the majority of whom *must be* from clinical departments" to "There will be eight senators from the LSUHSC-NO Faculty Assembly of the School of Medicine, the majority of whom *should be* from the clinical departments" (emphasis added). This item was referred to the Bylaws committee.

Agenda Item 5a: Assembly Reports

Allied Health said that their report was covered by agenda item 3b.

Dentistry stated that the formation of a new department of Oral Biology is still on the table. Also, they have been considering revising the student dress code for clinicals so that dental students can wear full scrubs rather than scrub shirts and dress pants.

Graduate Studies said that their only issue is gaining better access to student records; the registrar is working to assist them in this matter.

Library had no report.

Medicine reported on a resolution passed at their faculty assembly which was forwarded to the Dean and department heads. They resolved that the School of Medicine should improve communications with furloughed faculty. This resolution will also be shared with the LSU system attorneys.

Nursing stated that there have been no announcements regarding the search for a new dean. Dean Humphrey goes on terminal leave in November; the search committee has not been announced and a national search does not seem to have been conducted yet.

Public Health said that they have additional senate candidates waiting in the wings.

Agenda Item 5b: Other Reports

BOS – Pat Beare announced the following:

- She has a report with the recent raises, but that the report only lists those who make over 100 thousand dollars.
- The search committee for a new system president has been formed. The faculty senate's recommendation to include Beare was not accepted; Dr. Moerschbaeche is the representative from our campus.

- LSU-Baton Rouge has created a procedure for dealing with financial exigency; our campus had a procedure as well, but it was not followed.
- A faculty representative did not make it onto the Board of Supervisors. Instead, they will ask that faculty members be allowed to serve on committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Submitted by
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Faculty Senate Secretary.