

**Faculty Senate Minutes
May 2007**

President Beare called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's conference room on the 8th floor of the Resource Center building on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Scott Rubin, Jo Thompson;
Dentistry – Dennis Paul
Graduate School –Angela Amedee, Andy Catling;
Library – Hanna Kwasik (substituting for Jennifer Lloyd)
Medicine – Greg Bagby
Nursing – Pat Beare, Ann Byerly, Christine Langer
Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Ed Peters, Neal Simonsen
Ex-Officio – Mike Levitzky

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kevin Lord, Sarintha Stricklin;
Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Carrie Mason, Johnny Porter, Alan Ripps
Graduate Studies –;
Medicine – Paula Gregory, Robert Richards, Lolie Yu, Pamela Lucchesi, Robin English, Dan Kapusta
Nursing-- Susan Rick, Sally Ruel
Public Health – Sarah Moody-Thomas

Agenda Item 1: Approval of April Minutes – correction nursing is not up to all faculty salaries being at the regional average—not true— all faculty are not at the regional average—striving to obtain the regional average for faculty salaries

Agenda Item 2a: Old Business – Student Security Clearances
no correspondence received, emailed again with no response

Agenda Item 2b: Old Business – Patient Access to Allied Health/Nursing Building

Problem still exists—discussion included suggestions to open first floor of garage and have gated access to other floors for faculty and staff; reiteration that the manager of parking service, Antonio Casas has said that if someone at the level of Dean or higher complained there was a greater chance of action; handicapped parking on the 3rd floor is needed and appreciated. After this discussion the Senate voted to send a recommendation to Chancellor Hollier to allow Allied Health patients and guest lecturers to park on the first floor of the Roman street garage to increase revenue for Allied Health. The first floor parking would be closed to faculty and staff. The wording of the motion was to be refined and sent to the Chancellor.

Agenda Item 2c: Old Business – University Police Recognition Ceremony

The luncheon was held May 4th and was considered a success. The officers expressed their appreciation and gratitude. An article including pictures was included in the Chancellor's notes from the latest LSUHSC newsletter. The article included mention that the event was supported by personal donations from Faculty Senate members. Dr. Beare thanked Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, and Ann Byerly for all of their work for this event.

Agenda Item 2d: Old Business – Ombudsman Proposal

Professional Rights Committee requests questions to send to LSU ombudsmen; a student in Nursing prepared a report that included the fact that most (92%) ombudsmen at universities are psychiatric nurses

Agenda Item 3a: New Business - Call for nominations

Dr. Broussard (chair) reported that the Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections committee was soliciting nominations and did not have a slate to offer at this time. The bylaws state that the committee should present a slate with at least 1 candidate for each position at the May meeting with the vote to be held by secret ballot at the June meeting. There were no volunteers or official nominations for the positions of President-elect, Secretary, and representatives to the monthly Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings (2 to be elected) usually held on a Thursday and Friday. The committee will prepare a slate and distribute prior to the June meeting. Dr. Beare agreed to attend the BOS meetings through December 2007.

Agenda Item 3a: Other New Business --PM-11

Senators reported an increased emphasis and possible unequal enforcement of completing forms for adherence to PM-11 concerning disclosure of outside employment. The Senate will request that Vice-Chancellor Moerschbaeher attend the August meeting (June meeting focused on election and no July Meeting) to discuss the current status of enforcement and address the concerns of Senators.

Agenda Item 4a: Reports – Faculty Senate Committees

Clinical Education, Service, and Patient Care – No report.

Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – No report; see item 3a.

Electronic Communications – No report.

Facilities, Safety, and Security – No report; see item 2c.

Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – No report.

Research – No report

Agenda Item 4b: Reports – Assemblies

Allied Health – Greg Bagby, President-Elect of the Senate attended the meeting and discussed possible future activities of the assemblies and senate. In response to Dr. Bagby's inquiry the delegates informed him that the Dean has a standing invitation to attend all meetings but the assembly had asked the former Dean to refrain from attending when requested, i.e. the Dean is not considered a member of the faculty assembly and unlike all other members is not considered eligible to attend the meetings. Dr. Bagby will try to meet with all faculty assemblies. Beginning in June Allied Health will have 3 hour monthly meetings hosted by the Dean to review the School's strategic plan and the Dean has asked the faculty assembly to be an active partner in this project.

Dentistry – No report.

Graduate Studies – No report

Library – No report

Medicine – Held a meeting in the cafeteria that was very poorly attended. The majority of the active members are from the Department of Pharmacology. Clinical faculty are struggling, particularly with the lack of office space.

Nursing – Failed to obtain a quorum for the meeting at the end of April. They will be meeting with the Dean this week.

Public Health – Public Health-regular meeting usually have a quorum. A 5 year lease for space on 2 floors of the old Freeport-McMoran building was approved by the Board of Supervisors but must get separate approval for single source vendor to avoid the bidding process but there are other tenants looking at the space also.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 31 – June 1, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted by
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