

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 2008**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** –Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;  
**Dentistry** –Dennis Paul, Catherine Badell, Marco Brandis; Tobias Rodriguez  
**Graduate School** –Andrew Catling; Jeffery Hoben (proxy)  
**Library** – Hanna Kwasik;  
**Medicine** –Gregory Bagby, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Daniel Kapusta  
**Nursing** –Leanne Fowler, Joanne Hebert, Cynthia Langford;  
**Public Health** –Neal Simonsen, Richard Scribner, Chih-Yang Hu;  
**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig; Erin Dugan (excused)  
**Dentistry** –Deidra Foret,  
**Graduate School** – Angela Amedee (excused);  
**Medicine** – Tonya Jagneaux, Sean Collins, Michael Levitzky (excused), Kevin Reed;  
**Nursing** – Randy Rosamond;  
Public Health – Edward Peters, Julia Volaufova (excused).

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

*Agenda item 1.* The November minutes were unanimously approved.

*Agenda item 2. President's report* - President Paul reported on a meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher:

1. Discussed feedback on PR campaign. The campaign is being run through the Foundation, so he doubts that there will be follow up marketing research. He was thankful for the feedback. He also said that Leslie Capo has produced a recruiting video that is more extensive than the commercials.
2. Website deficiencies were discussed. He says that only the Home page is controlled by the HSC central administration. Dr. Hollier will push for website updates down to the Department level. I suggested that the webmasters should be proactive. For a potential patient to find clinicians, he said that each school will have to set up a

roster on its own, but the HSC can put a link to each of the schools on the Homepage.

3. DI water issues: If Facilities is unresponsive, contact John Ball's office directly.
4. Student Security clearance: Must be taken care of by individual schools as they write contracts. He believes that the Nursing School has done a great job in resolving their issues, with the state requirement for background checks.
5. Force Majeure: Dr. Moerschbaeher assures us that it has ended. The original declaration set rules for the lifting of Force Majeure, and all of these rules have been met. Therefore, by default it is lifted.
6. Animal care: The HSC is negotiating with FEMA for replacement of animal care facilities that were damaged during Katrina. There will be an additional temporary fix and a permanent fix.
7. In late spring each school will be required to submit performance criteria for both teaching and research.
8. Until today there were no rules or guidelines for the use of the new "Chancellors' Reception Room" (what everyone was calling the new faculty dining room). A proposal for guidelines is being developed.

*Agenda Item 3. Old business:*

- a) Ombudsman proposal – no report presented.
- b) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – no report presented.
- c) Force Majeure termination – see President's report
- d) Resolution 08-03 regarding Student Security Clearance follow up – see President's report.
- e) Security on Campus – Senator Rubin reported about his phone conversation with Vice-chancellor Gardner. When questioned about security at first floor entrances on the downtown campus, Vice Chancellor Gardner responded that at one time, a limited number of officers helped drive security. Currently that is not the issue. The Department is implementing a newer (more updated) system of security. We are getting away from an Officer at every door. That's not an efficient use of resources. Now we are merging technology with human assets. The Vice Chancellor is working – with Captain Joseph – to focus on "perimeter security", to have a safe "cocoon" for the students, staff, faculty, doctors, and patients. Again, not interested in going back to the paradigm with humans at every door. There are more cameras at points of egress and ingress. There are more foot patrols on campus – more vehicles patrolling. The Vice Chancellor argued that this campus has more security than most campuses. You see officers more often than other universities. If the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the administration building opens to the general public, there would be an officer stationed there, as it is a major point for the general public to enter (there is a regular ingress and egress). That is not necessarily true for other buildings. The Vice Chancellor is more than willing to come and address the Senate if there are those with further questions or concerns.

When questioned about quickness of response to incidents, Senator Rubin said that Vice Chancellor Gardner insisted that manpower is not the issue. They want to integrate technology.

Senator Langford raised the issue of safety from University Hospital to the parking garage or buildings after 8:00. Senator Hebert responded that some classes finish even later. It was pointed that you can get an escort by dialing 8999, although you may have to wait. Senator Thompson reported two incidents with people wandering in the Allied Health/Nursing building. Dr. Hobden replied that if you see suspicious people walking around, call security immediately.

- f) Network, internet and PC problems – no report.
- g) Presentation of School of Dentistry available services – Senator Brindis reported on all services that are currently available at the School of Dentistry. These include services in the Departments of General Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Senator Brindis' full report, with email addresses and phone numbers is appended. All LSUHSC family receives a 10% discount.

There was no other old business.

#### *Agenda item 4. New business*

The question was raised whether students were being charged for yearbooks, but not getting them. President Paul responded that that would be an issue for the Student Government.

Senator Langford asked about criteria for post-tenure review. Senator Bagby suggested that we ask Dr. Moerschbaeher address this at the next meeting.

There was no other new business

#### *Agenda item 6. Reports.*

- a) Faculty Senate committees –
  - i. Clinical Education, Services, and Patient Care – no report;
  - ii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – no report;
  - iii. Electronic communications – no report;
  - iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – see Senator Rubin's report under Old Business.
  - v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
  - vi. Research – no report.
- b) Assemblies:
  - i. Allied Health – The Allied Health Faculty Assembly is dealing with security problems, especially with students working late;
  - ii. Dentistry – Preparing for Accreditation site visit;
  - iii. Graduate School – no report;
  - iv. Library – estimate construction finished in February;

- v. Medicine – no report
- vi. Nursing – Preparations for site visits. Admissions are greater than ever. Physicians Assistant Program approved to start January or 2010. Senator Langford says that this program may affect clinical placements for the Nurse Practitioner program;
- vii. Public Health – .Dr. Terry Fontham, Dean of the LSU School of Public Health, has become the first non-physician elected national President of the American Cancer Society.

Faculty Advisory Committee representatives – At the December meeting of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Dr. Kevin Cope, President of the Council of Faculty Advisors encouraged the BoS to keep the issue of faculty benefits in mind through these difficult economic times.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

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