

**Faculty Senate Minutes
May 2009**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig, Erin Dugan, Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;
Dentistry – Catherine Badell, Dennis Paul;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;
Library – Jennifer Lloyd (proxy for Hanna Kwasik);
Medicine – Gregory Bagby, Dan Kapusta, Michael Levitzky, Erich Richter, Ann Tilton;
Nursing – Veronica Barcelona (proxy for Marjorie Kraus), Randy Rosamond, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods;
Public Health – William Robinson (proxy for Richard Scribner), Neal Simonsen, Julia Volafova, Chih-Yang Hu;

Those absent included:

Dentistry – Marco Brindis (excused), Diedra Foret;
Library – Hanna Kwasik (proxy);
Medicine – Sean Collins, Tonya Jagneaux, Kevin Reed;
Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus (proxy), Cynthia Langford (excused);
Public Health – Richard Scribner (proxy).

President Paul welcomed the present faculty members Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, William Robinson, and Jennifer Lloyd, serving as proxy for absent senators. He also excused Chancellor Hollier who could not attend the meeting as planned. Instead of Chancellor Hollier, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Moerschbaecher attended the meeting. President Paul welcomed him at the meeting.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with minor changes.

Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher reported on the following issues;

1. A reasonable number of donations have been received for the display cabinets in the area of the renovated library commons;
2. The anticipated budget cuts within the LSU system are proportional to campuses and within each campus the chancellor is responsible for allocating the cuts to schools;
3. The new administration in the country is forthcoming; there is reasonable progress in FEMA negotiations regarding Charity hospital damage reimbursement. However, there is a delay in decision making about the new University hospital construction due to political battle over the control of the Academic Medical Center in New Orleans;

4. There is progress in the renovation in and around the Dental school – landscaping and lecture rooms, however, the progress is slow. There is a plan to renovate also the lecture room in the 1542 Tulane Ave. building.
5. At the Nursing School, the 2nd floor offices are going to be torn down, a new classroom accommodating large number of students is going to be placed there instead, seating approximately 250 students.

In the discussion, senators Bagby, Levitzky, Lloyd, Paul, Richter, Rubin, and Thompson participated. Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher left the meeting at 4:05pm.

Agenda item 1. The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda item 2. President's report - there was no president's report

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

- a) Senator Rubin, Chair of the Committee Coordinating Committee (CCC) reported that the CCC met for the first time. The CCC members are asked to contact Assembly presidents and submit candidates whose names will be presented to Dr. Moerschbaeher for members in the newly established LSUHSC Web Advisory (standing) Committee. Senator Rubin also contacted Dr. Moerschbaeher in order to get information about what other LSUHSC standing committees will need faculty input and nominations for members.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business

There was no new business

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty Senate committees –
 - i. Education, Services, and Patient Care – no report;
 - ii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – in preparation of year-end elections, Senator Simonsen presented the names of candidates for officers: Senator Richter for president-elect and Senator Fowler for secretary. The nomination period is still open for two weeks. Senate unanimously approved that the nomination period is extended. Senators may submit the names of the nominees to Senator Simonsen via e-mail;

- iii. Electronic communications – no report;
- iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – no report;
- v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
- vi. Research – no new report.

b) Assemblies:

i. Allied Health – Senator Hebert

- i. raised a question about whether changes in particular school’s assembly bylaws have to be reported or approved by the Senate. The changes have to be reported only if the changes affect functioning of the Senate. The School of Allied Health Assembly want to change the bylaws regarding part time faculty members to be eligible as voting members of Assembly;
- ii. asked a question whether schools have reading days or spring break. The LSUHSC does not entertain spring break for either school nor reading week before the final examinations;
- iii. commented that the break between the end and beginning of semesters is short. Also the starting dates of semester vary between schools.

Action: The Education, Services, and Patient Care committee will contact Registrar and investigate the issue of reading week and starting and ending dates semester and will report at the June Senate meeting;

- ii. Dentistry – no report;
- iii. Graduate School – no report;
- iv. Library – the renovation in the library commons will be finished soon;
- v. Medicine – no report;
- vi. Nursing – no report;
- vii. Public Health – in preparation for the new Strategic Plan the SPH will have a one-day retreat on May 20, 2009 moderated by Dr. Sheila Chauvin.

c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives - Senator Alig reported – President Lombardi delegated to budget cut decisions to chancellors of LSU System campuses; the administration will work for keeping the research rating of LSUHSC high.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

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