

**Faculty Senate Minutes
September 2008**

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

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig, Jo Thompson, Erin Dugan, Aloma Lykes (proxy for Scott Rubin);
Dentistry –Dennis Paul, Tobias Rodriguez;
Graduate School –Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;
Library – Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Gregory Bagby, Dan Kapusta, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Michael Levitzky;
Nursing –Cynthia Langford, Vickie Jordan, Joanne Hebert;
Public Health –Richard Scribner, Ed Peters, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;
Faculty Guests: Robin English, Thomas Lallier.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Scott Rubin (proxy);
Dentistry – Marco Brandis (excused), Catherine Badell,(excused), Diedra Foret;
Medicine – Tonya Jagneaux (excused), Sean Collins, Kevin Reed (excused);
Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond (excused);
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd (excused).

Administration Guests present: Chancellor Larry Hollier

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with minor changes.

The Senate meeting took place the first Tuesday after an emergency week due to hurricane Gustav. Chancellor Hollier attended the Senate meeting and gave a brief report about how the Center and Schools handled the emergency situation. The communication system was well backed up – in spite of some cell phone providers not working (AT&T), the essential personnel were equipped with Blackberries and multiple ways of communication were in place. The Center suffered only minor damage. The total losses are estimated to be under \$500,000. Chancellor Hollier declared the state of emergency starting on Saturday, September 6 and he ended it on Monday morning, September 8, 2008. During that time, all personnel were put on paid administrative leave. Personnel who had to report to work were compensated appropriately. The emergency registration system was put in place. Students, faculty, and all staff were supposed to enter/update emergency contact information at the Center's web site after the emergency was declared. The records show that only 26.8% of total internal staff including students registered within the given time frame. Chancellor Hollier updated the Senate about the losses in Baton Rouge – two hospitals were damaged due to hurricane Gustav. DHH approved use of 64 beds at Vista Hospital. The damage at EKL hospital was on the transformer. Because of the age of the

EKL hospital, the repairs are delayed due to difficulties with locating appropriate parts (transformer), which could be used in such an old building.

On general topics, Chancellor Hollier mentioned among other things the need for a Faculty Club, where the faculty can bring visitors, guests, and potential candidates. Chancellor Hollier shared with the Senate the design plan of the top floor of the 13-floor building planned by a developer who was in discussion of buying the foundation property. In that building, the plan would be to have space for the School of Public Health as well. The questions-answers part of discussion focused on problems around emergency registration, future hospital and faculty office space, etc. In the discussion, Senators Scribner, Catling, Kapusta, and Bagby participated. Chancellor Hollier left the Senate meeting at 4:20pm.

Agenda item 1. The August minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda item 2. President's report - President Paul contacted Senate representatives at LSU main campus about how the administration handled the emergency situation.

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

- a) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – Senator Bagby to report from School of Medicine - Senator Bagby reported that newly elected Senators will be active in pursuing this issue.
- b) Ombudsman proposal – there was no activity on this issue.

Action: Senators Peters and Volaufova will prepare a document for introduction on the Senate floor, which may be a basis of a future Senate resolution highlighting the possible need for the ombudsman for HSC.

- c) Faculty furlough follow up by Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare Committee - no report.
- d) Resolution 08-03 regarding Student Security Clearance – no report

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business

- a) Committee assignments – Secretary Volaufova circulated the currently updated list of Senators and existing standing Senate committees. The Senators were asked to sign up for a committee of their interest.
- b) Response to emergency, registration on HSC web site – extensive discussion developed about this issue. In general, the perception is that there is a lot of confusion about when and how many times to register. It can happen that not all

evacuees have access to an internet connection and hence their particular department head or business manager should enter the appropriate information into registration form on the web site. According to the existing CM-51, it is a protective step for the employee to register hence it is essential to spread the information to everyone that it is imperative to register within 48 hours from the time the emergency is declared. The essential information is the cell (or other) phone number of the employee, where the employee is during the particular emergency, whether he/she has access to computer and whether he/she can work.

Action: President Paul will follow up on this issue, meet with Drs. Hollier and/or Moerschbaeher and/or Vice Chancellor Smith and report at the next Senate meeting.

- c) *Other new business* – Senator Simonsen informed that since there were no comments or objections from faculty assemblies, the new addition to Constitution and Bylaws are in effect.

There was no other new business

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty advisory committee representatives: No report.
- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – no report;
 - ii. Dentistry – the new dean is named and will start on October 1;
 - iii. Graduate School – no report;
 - iv. Library – no report;
 - v. Medicine –the preparation of the new strategic plan is in progress;
 - vi. Nursing – the BoR approved the new Nurse Educator program;
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Submitted by
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