

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – April 12th, 2011
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs, Jerald James, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – S. Brisco and Glen Palmer

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee (proxy Greg Bagby)

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky (proxy Ray Shepherd), and Joy Sturtevant

Nursing – Randy Rosamond, Gwen S. Woods, and Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu and Lynn LaMotte

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan and George Hebert (excused)

Dentistry – M. Brindis, D. Foret, T. Lallier

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus

Public Health – Ariane Rung (excused), R. Scribner, Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Dennis Paul

I. Approval of Minutes:

1. February minutes: Unanimous

2. March minutes: Unanimous with following addition to Section III, 1, Sentence 4 –
“...in the near future, *although it is a potential future option.*”

II. President’s Report –

1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher

i. Chancellor’s Town Hall - Chancellor Hollier gave a general address to the faculty in attendance, including multiple updates on the progress of various facilities and other projects.

ii. A new personal expenditure spending freeze has been placed into effect.

iii. The ORP employer contribution rates have been increased from 5.7 to 5.96%.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – March 5th, 2011

1. BOS Meeting

- i. Each school Chancellor gave a campus specific update regarding enrollments, graduation rates, etc.
 - ii. LSUHSC – NO report noted increasing enrollment and increasing graduation rates even with 1050 employees less than before Hurricane Katrina and a significant decrease in state general funds. Additionally, clinical practice private patient visits are up.
 - iii. Two new LSUHSC – NO professorships (\$60,000 each) announced
 - 1. Warren Summer, MD Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine
 - 2. Mollie Wallick, MD Professorship in Psychiatry
- 2. COFA Meeting
 - i. UL System Tenure update
 - 1. Changes passed included that tenure will now be Program or Department based, rather than institutional and that “unsustainable” programs can lay off tenured faculty with 90 day notice.
 - 2. Senate bodies could draft resolutions noting that the UL changes are unacceptable
 - ii. IT privacy/security/intellectual property issue
 - 1. The issue arose when a faculty member learned of the existence and subsequent use of her lecture materials in the form of podcasts without her knowledge and consent. These concepts are addressed in PM’s 15 and 17 (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/pm/>) and superseded in the BOS Bylaw’s Part II, Chapter 7 (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/bylaws/bylawsandregulations.pdf>)
 - 2. COFA plans to form a committee in April to begin addressing the issue. Representation from LSUHSC-NO is requested.
 - 3. ORP – rising pressure from various groups may result in further discussion regarding the removal of ORP from TRSL governance.

IV. Old Business

- 1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James reported on his meeting with Vice Chancellor Smith
 - i. The process to create and send an emergency text alert is as follows:
 - 1. Vice Chancellor Gardner determines whether an alert is warranted based on the notification/report received from campus police.
 - 2. If the alert appears warranted, final approval is obtained from Chancellor Hollier.
 - 3. If approval is granted, Vice Chancellor Smith activates the messaging system to distribute the alert.
 - ii. It was noted that no specific audience targeting was possible. Additionally, in the event of system activation, all forms of alert would be employed including alarms, digital signs, etc.
 - iii. Senator James plans to bring the question of what would constitute an emergency reportable to Vice Chancellor Gardner to the head of campus police.
- 2. Budget update – The legislature has yet to address the governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012. In theory, the proposal from the governor’s office contains no further cuts in state funds for higher education.
- 3. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – improvements to the campus website are underway. There is a request that the Faculty Senate body approves changes as they are made. A motion was passed to re-invite all Faculty Assemblies to review and ensure appropriate representation to the WAC.

V. New Business

1. Faculty Senate response to Senator Vitter Letter -
 - i. A recent letter from Senator Vitter to HUD Secretary Donovan highlighted his opposition to the state's application for HUD support of the proposed University Medical Center.
 - ii. As the letter contained numerous factual inaccuracies, a motion was passed unanimously to create a letter of response addressed towards HUD Secretary Donovan to reflect the support of LSUHSC faculty towards all steps necessary to complete the creation of the proposed University Medical Center.
 - iii. The letter will be electronically circulated in draft form for comments and final approval of the Faculty Senate body for quick release to appropriate parties.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. **Education Committee** – Unfortunately, the completion of the proposed senate day of service will not be possible this academic year. A proposal to carry the project forward to a date to be determined for the next academic year was made. The proposal passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
 - iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – Committee will begin the process for the formal creation of a standing senate Website Advisory Committee and to address necessary changes to quorum rules.
 - iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
 - v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See above from Senator James report.
 - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report
 - vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
 - i. **Allied Health** – No report.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – Senator Palmer noted continued desire to implement school wide recycling.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – No report.
 - v. **Medicine** – No report.
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:04pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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