

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – February 8th, 2011

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm

Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan, George Hebert, Rennie Jacobs, Jerald James, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – S. Brisco

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Carmen Canavier, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, and Erich Richter

Nursing – Randy Rosamond and Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Lynn LaMotte, Ariane Rung,

Ex Officio – Scott Rubin, Dennis Paul

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – n/a

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

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Joy Sturtevant (excused)

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Gwen S. Woods

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, R. Scribner, Xiao-Cheng Wu (excused)

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

I. Approval of January 2011 Minutes: Unanimous

II. President's Report –

1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher

i. Grad Act and related update – Criteria for self-allowed tuition adjustment being finalized. Subject of low completer programs is receiving increased attention, by Board of Supervisors as well as Regents; presentation regarding low completers anticipated for next meeting of Board of Supervisors. At the HSC, PhD program in pathology is in jeopardy due to completion rate and consolidation of some low-completer masters programs into an M.S. degree in Biomedical Sciences is under consideration.

ii. Current SACS cycle related materials due end of March; preparation is well underway.

iii. Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Hollier expected to be held sometime this coming March (date TBA)

- iv. National search announced to replace retiring Vice Chancellor David Troendle. Bettina Owens will be the interim replacement.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS)

1. COFA

- i. Summit on Higher Education - Dennis Paul reported on the follow-up meeting between representatives from the LSU, UL, and Southern systems that took place on January 22, 2011 in Alexandria. There were a number of small group, breakout sessions to discuss issues pertinent to higher education so that the schools can be better represented in the upcoming legislative session, specifically prior to a draft of the 2nd Grad Act.

2. BOS

- i. No report – no meeting.

IV. Old Business

1. Senate Resolution in support of enhanced electronic course management capabilities and the rapid implementation of online registration for students was circulated and discussed. Following a wording modification, the resolution was unanimously approved.
2. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Senator Levitzky met briefly with Vice Chancellor Smith. He reported that the Vice Chancellor supports the necessary changes to make both health sciences center's websites congruent, including implementing a new search engine. A formal meeting is being arranged between representatives of the committee and Vice Chancellor Smith to discuss the website and other IT-related issues. It was also proposed that once this is done the Senate Executive follow up with Chancellor Hollier regarding these issues.
3. Budget update – Recent news suggests that upcoming budget cuts may not be as deep as previously feared. The state's Legislative Fiscal Office is forecasting higher revenues than previously projected. However, the Revenue Estimating Conference has elected to defer any official revisions until spring to be surer of their projections.

V. New Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James reported on his discussion with Vice Chancellor Gardner
 - i. The decision for triggering text testing or actual alerts resides with Vice Chancellor Ball.
 - ii. He will meet with VC Ball about text testing and process of sending out actual alerts
 - iii. There was a general discussion regarding the campus' crime reporting measures and the Cleary Act.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – No report
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
- iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See above from Senator James report.

- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – Met January 18, 2011. Set a specific goal to address bandwidth utilization and violations. Will provide future update.
 - vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
- i. **Allied Health** – Announced their “Family Day” planned for June 2011.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – Work on the athletic fields, fences, columns, 8th floor HVAC, faculty practice building HVAC continue.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – Announced a new display in the library highlighting faculty publications. Authors of recent contributions may contact Senator Bealer directly.
 - v. **Medicine** – Instituted Faculty Assembly awards to be distributed at the next SOM general faculty meeting.
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – Faculty Assembly preparing resolutions supporting enhanced electronic course management and registration (as a complement to the Senate resolution) and other IT issues.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:59 pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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