LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday – June 14th, 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, and Theresa Nicholls  
Dentistry – T. Lallier and Glen Palmer  
Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee and Andrew Catling  
Library – Rebecca Bealer  
Medicine – Costa Dimitriades, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, Joy Sturtevant and Erich Richter  
Nursing – Marjorie Kraus (proxy), Randy Rosamond, Todd Tartavoule (proxy) and Gwen S. Woods  
Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Lynn LaMotte, Ariane Rung and Xiao-Cheng Wu  
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd and Scott Rubin  
At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:
Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs and Jerald James (excused)  
Dentistry – M. Brindis, S. Brisco, D. Foret  
Graduate Studies – n/a  
Library – n/a  
Medicine – Stephen Brierre (excused), Carmen Canavier,  
Nursing – Leanne Fowler (excused)  
Public Health – R. Scribner  
Ex Officio – Dennis Paul (excused)

I. Elections: Erin Dugan, President-Elect and Costa Dimitriades, Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes: April and May Minutes approved unanimously

III. President’s Report  
1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher  
   i. GRAD Act – Although not finalized yet, GRAD Act 2.0 contains no specific provision for tuition increases for future years. It does transfer greater flexibility to universities for purchasing, construction and contracts, and should be finalized by June 24th, 2011. The operating assumption is still that a tuition increase of around 10% will be authorized for the next academic year.  
   ii. Animal Care facility - progress continues  
   iii. Allied Health/Nursing facility – progress continues  
   iv. Human Development Building – plan modifications for a larger structure will necessitate additional piles driven  
   v. New Cancer Research facility – two floors remain for completion
vi. New Post Doc Association formed – plan to invite as a guest to a future FS meeting
vii. New Cafeteria manager was announced

IV. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – June 3rd, 2011
    1. COFA Meeting
       i. HB 530 – Governor’s plan to increase all state employee contributions to the retirement system by 3% with a subsequent reduction of state contributions by 3% does not seem likely to pass the legislature.
    2. BOS Meeting
       i. The finance, infrastructure, and core development committee voted to allow a restricted account for the operations of the LOUIS, as it is now funded by fees to the member libraries rather than directly by the state.
       ii. The Board of Regents approved 3-4-5 tuition increases
       iii. A recommendation to move UNO to the UL System passed unanimously

V. Old Business
    1. Text Messaging Alert System – update deferred until next meeting.
    2. Budget update
       i. There was discussion of a plan by Senator Vitter, Speaker Tucker, and Treasurer Kennedy which recommended the purchase of Tulane and Lakeside Hospitals in conjunction with a much scaled-down new facility as an alternative to the planned University Medical Center
       ii. There was discussion of a proposal for the elimination of personal income taxes in Louisiana
    3. Website Advisory Committee (WAC)
       i. The WAC will be a standing committee of the LSUHSC Faculty Senate
       ii. Andrew Hollenbach, Chair of the School of Medicine Communication Committee, will distribute a faculty survey regarding desired improvements to the website
    4. Constitutional and Bylaws amendments – proposed changes passed by 2/3 majority of Senate (see [http://www.lsuhsc.edu/no/schools/facultysenate/ConstitutionBylaws1106.pdf](http://www.lsuhsc.edu/no/schools/facultysenate/ConstitutionBylaws1106.pdf))

VI. New Business
    i. None

VII. Reports
    1. Faculty Senate Committees
       i. Education Committee – Senator Sturtevant will assemble a list of existing service projects in local schools that we can participate in. The plan is to agree on a set date(s) for participation early in the next academic year to optimize advanced planning.
       ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – Will convene to review the HSC standing committees list and make recommendations regarding membership
iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – see above
iv. Electronic Communications – No report
vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – No report
vii. Research – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies
   i. Allied Health – A very successful Family Day was held last weekend.
   ii. Dentistry – No report.
   iii. Graduate Studies – No report
   iv. Library – No report.
   v. Medicine – There was discussion on the impact of the renovations at the animal
care facility.
   vi. Nursing – No report
   vii. Public Health – In the process of moving location to the Lions Building.

The Faculty Senate thanked President Simonsen for his hard work and dedication during the past
year’s service.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:40pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
July 13, 2011