President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm
No quorum.

Those present included:
Allied Health – George Hebert, Jerald James, and Theresa Nicholls
Dentistry – n/a
Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee
Library – Rebecca Bealer
Medicine – Stephen Brieree, Carmen Canavier, Costa Dimitriades, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, and Joy Sturtevant (proxy Timothy Foster)
Nursing – Todd Tartavoule
Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Ariane Rung
Ex Officio – Scott Rubin
At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:
Allied Health – Erin Dugan and Rennie Jacobs
Dentistry – M. Brindis, S. Brisco, D. Foret, T. Lallier, Glen Palmer
Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling
Library – n/a
Medicine – Erich Richter
Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Randy Rosamond and Gwen S. Woods (excused)
Public Health – Lynn LaMotte, R. Scribner, Xiao-Cheng Wu
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Dennis Paul

Approval of February minutes deferred until next meeting.

I. President’s Report –
   1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher
      i. Budget update – New proposed budget just released from Governor Jindal’s office.
      ii. LSU Health Logo update – Details of logo implementation are still being finalized.
      iii. Legislation has been passed to dictate course numbering systems for undergraduate programs in an effort to make coursework more recognizable and transferrable across the various state campuses. May affect some programs at the Health Sciences Center.
      iv. Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Hollier has been moved to April (date TBA).
II. Guest Speaker – Vice Chancellor Smith
   1. Vice Chancellor Smith addressed the Faculty Senate at length, discussing various information systems related issues, including the process of updating the website and online registration. He addressed the challenges of creating a website that would be functional, up to date, and maintained some congruence between the various schools and departments. He reiterated that the administration was committed to the process. Vice Chancellor Smith then addressed the challenges involved in considering a move such as online registration in a campus as diverse as the health sciences center in New Orleans. He noted that there is no plan at present to have online registration available in the near future, although it is a potential future option. He did note that certain other aspects of simplifying the online faculty and student experience were in the works, such as the implementation of some faculty self-service centers.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – report deferred until next meeting

IV. Old Business
   1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James reported on plans to meet with Vice Chancellor Smith to discuss the issues.
   2. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Senator Levitzky reiterated the need to have a standing WAC whose task will be to help the implementation and oversight of a functional campus-wide website.
   3. Budget update –Current Fiscal Year 2012 budget proposal from the governor’s office contains no further cuts in state funds for higher education. The legislature has only begun the process of adopting an official budget for the coming fiscal year, however.

V. New Business – no new business discussed

VI. Reports
   1. Faculty Senate Committees
      i. Education Committee – Service project at Warren Easton High School and possibly the Youth Empowerment Project is planned. President Simonsen will email the senate body with details.
      ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – No report
      iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – No report
      iv. Electronic Communications – No report
      vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – No report
      vii. Research – No report
   2. Faculty Assemblies
      i. Allied Health – No report.
      ii. Dentistry – No report.
      iii. Graduate Studies – No report
      iv. Library – No report.
      v. Medicine – No report.
      vi. Nursing – No report

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:04pm