President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm
No Quorum.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – Rennie Jacobs and Jerald James

**Dentistry** – n/a

**Graduate Studies** – Angela Amedee (proxy Judith Venuti) and Andrew Catling

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** – Costa Dimitriades, M. Levitzky, and Erich Richter

**Nursing** – Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond, and Gwen S. Woods

**Public Health** – Ariane Rung and Xiao-Cheng Wu

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd, Dennis Paul, and Scott Rubin

**At-Large (President)** – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Erin Dugan, George Hebert (excused), and Theresa Nicholls

**Dentistry** – M. Brindis, S. Brisco, D. Foret, T. Lallier and Glen Palmer (excused)

**Graduate Studies** – n/a

**Library** – n/a

**Medicine** – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Lee Engel (excused), Kyle Happel and Joy Sturtevant

**Nursing** – Marjorie Kraus and Todd Tartavoule (excused)

**Public Health** – Chih-Yang Hu (excused), Lynn LaMotte (excused), and R. Scribner

**Ex Officio** – n/a

I. Approval of Minutes: deferred until next meeting

II. President’s Report

1. Senate-endorsed letter supporting funding of the new University Medical Center was sent to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Donovan and other principals cc’d on Senator Vitter’s April letter in opposition to federal support of the project. Received letter thanking Senate for input and stating that Senate letter will be kept on file for reference if formal application for mortgage insurance is received.

2. Continued discussion of potential SUNO-UNO merger legislation but viewed as political minefield and many of arguments raised lack details or balanced discussion of costs and benefits.

3. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher

   i. Grad Act report materials filed; awaiting response from Board of Regents (BoR). Once approved by Board, monies raised by last year’s tuition increase can be released from escrow account and utilized.
ii. Fairly widespread feeling that 2/3rds majority needed for SUNO-UNO merger not available.

iii. BoR expected to follow support fund review panel recommendation to provide $400,000 match for Al Copeland Endowed Chair in Neuroendocrine Cancer.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – April 15th, 2011
1. COFA Meeting
   i. Routine salary raises are not occurring. However, “retention packages,” promotion and “equity” raises are possible
   ii. HB 537 proposing a merger between SUNO and UNO under the UL system has passed 2 subcommittees in the LA House of Representatives to get sent to the floor. It would require 2/3 vote to pass the house.
   iii. Email archiving – all LSU System emails are permanently preserved and discoverable.
   iv. LSU Policy Statement 29 regarding classroom decorum was reissued:  
      http://appl003.ocs.lsu.edu/ups.nsf/ByNumber?OpenView
   v. All COFA minutes available at http://www.lsu.edu/senate/Council_FacAdv.html
2. BOS Meeting
   i. Chancellor Hollier presented –
      1. Rural care students – 3rd and 4th year medical students in Lafayette (at UMC)
      2. Primary Care Physician 3 year condensed curriculum

IV. Old Business
1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James deferred update until next meeting.
2. Budget update – Initial legislative efforts to address the governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012 are underway.
   i. LSU BR campus Faculty Senate resolution opposing the privatization of the Office of Group Benefits (Faculty Senate Resolution 11-13) was discussed.
4. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Bettina Owens announced incorporation of new search engine into the website. WAC still adding members and awaiting input from various faculty assemblies.
5. Constitutional amendments -

V. New Business
1. Mental Health Emergencies
   i. A recent case highlighting knowledge gaps to help faculty and students with potential mental health emergencies was discussed.
   ii. Assistance is available through the Campus Assistance Program (http://www.lsuhsce.edu/no/organizations/campushealth/ceap.htm). A counselor is on call 24 hours a day to assist in time of crisis (504-568-8888).

VI. Reports
1. Faculty Senate Committees
   i. Education Committee – No report.
   ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – No report
   iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – Proposed changes to the constitution regarding the determination of a quorum and the creation of an Information Technology Committee will be forthcoming. Also,
nominations for Faculty Senate office are open with elections at the next meeting.

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** – No report.
   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 4:58pm

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