

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – November 9, 2010

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm
Quorum verified

Those present included:

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

Dentistry –Glen Palmer

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel (proxy Benjamin Barker), Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky (proxy Raymond Shepherd), and Joy Sturtevant

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond, and Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu (proxy David Lirette), Lynn LaMotte, Ariane Rung, Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio –Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – n/a

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

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Erich Richter

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus, Gwen S. Woods

Public Health –R. Scribner

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Dennis Paul

I. Guest Speaker, Kevin Cope, President, LSU Faculty Senate, Baton Rouge

1. Mr. Cope addressed the LSUHSC – NO Faculty Senate, providing a descriptive overview of several current issues and challenges. Among other things, President Cope elaborated on the challenges of establishing effective communication links. He described the successful initiation of a Faculty Senate newsletter and the utility of the Faculty Senate website in this regard. Relevant links include:
 - i. <http://www.lsu.edu/senate>
 - ii. <http://www.lsu.edu/senate/monthly%20newsletter.html>
 - iii. <http://www.alfs.us>

President Cope also updated the senate body regarding several recent faculty advocacy efforts, including improving faculty representation on the retirement management boards, addressing the issue of further delays to health coverage for adult children of faculty, and the successful termination of efforts by the UL System to change tenure policy for its faculty without adequate faculty input.

II. Approval of August Minutes: Unanimously accepted

III. President's Report –

1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher
 - i. Budget update - 10% tuition increase to help offset budget cuts.
 - ii. Building updates
 1. Trail building exhaust system work begun
 2. Nursing/AH renovations ongoing
 3. Cancer Research building work ongoing, anticipated to be ready ahead of schedule
 4. School of PH to move permanently to two floors within Lions Building
 - iii. New LSUHSC – Shreveport website unveiled <http://www.lsuhschshreveport.edu/>
 - iv. It is an administrative goal to have both health sciences centers websites congruent

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

1. Meeting with President Lombardi
 - i. Projected 6B shortfall in 2012 – continuation of hiring freeze could significantly cut shortfall. Since 2007, there have been 981M in tax cuts. Statutorily cutting programs and refinancing LSU debt discussed.
 - ii. Recent passage of LA Constitutional Amendment 2, mandating lower retention of natural resource severance taxes by the state government, (<http://www.legis.state.la.us/election2010/amendments.htm>) will add \$35M to upcoming deficit
 - iii. Reiterated that a 32% reduction of state funding for higher education would be drastic and devastating
 - iv. Plans to address additional cuts may begin being implemented as early as next month

V. Old Business

1. Budget update – No additional updates
2. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Senator Levitzky reported that having the new LSUHSC – S website as an example may be helpful.
3. Registrar Bryant Faust was to address senate body in December meeting, but due to a subsequent scheduling issue will be rescheduled for another upcoming meeting.

VI. New Business

1. Faculty Teaching Loads – recent response letter from President Lombardi discussed
2. Access to Vision and Dental Plans - concern regarding recent difficulty to access plans or get information about them. Members can contact Tasha Treuil, Human Resource Analyst, 504-568-7780 with questions or can contact individual providers directly for information:
 - i. Vision – Davis - www.davisvision.com 877-393-7801
 - ii. Dental – Dearborn - www.dearbornnational.com 888-758-6979
3. Association of La. Faculty Senates (ALFS) – upcoming meeting December 4, 2010 in Alexandria

VII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – Senator Sturtevant gave an update on the Education Service/Patient Care project.
 - 1. Upcoming service project with Warren Easton High School
 - ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – Met to complete WAC vacancies
 - iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** - No report
 - iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
 - v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – Met regarding Text Message/Alert system
 - 1. System needs regular testing
 - 2. Needs clarification for when to use
 - 3. Not currently in compliance with Cleary Act, which requires all campuses/universities to post all campus crime on website
 - 4. Will address issues with R. Gardner
 - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report
 - vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
- i. **Allied Health** – No report
 - ii. **Dentistry** – Discussed faculty member’s interest in initiating recycling efforts. Discussed issues of compliance and whether effort should be campus wide or maintained by individual schools.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** –No report
 - iv. **Library** – No report
 - v. **Medicine** – Discussed resolution PM 69 and reported ongoing work on Bylaws
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – No report

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:59 pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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