

LSUHSC Faculty Senate
Tuesday – September 14, 2010
Administration Building
Chancellor's Conference Room 8th Floor
3:30pm

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

Those present included:

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

Dentistry – S. Brisco

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, Erich Richter, Christian Sheline (proxy for Carmen Canavier), and Joy Sturtevant

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

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Lynn LaMotte, Ariane Rung, Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health –

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

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier (excused – proxy Christian Sheline)

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus

Public Health – R. Scribner

Ex Officio – Dennis Paul

I. Approval of August Minutes: Unanimously accepted

II. President's Report – First Report

1. Senate Executive Committee meeting with the Chancellor:

- i. Dr Hollier remains optimistic that the new academic medical center will be built with 424 beds but has a contingency plan in the event that does not occur.
- ii. Dr Hollier reported that he and LSU System President Lombardi met with Mayor Landrieu to address the mayor's concerns regarding the new academic medical center.
- iii. Dr Hollier stressed the importance of expanding our medical presence in southeast Louisiana.

2. No meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) August 2010 meeting update (Scott Rubin):

1. COFA –

- i. Discussed the request for a new budget exercise to address a 38% reduction in state funds rather than a 23% one.
 - 1. Would result in a major reduction and reorganization of Higher Education
 - 2. Would result in the closure of 8/13 colleges on the Baton Rouge campus, including closure of the School of Veterinary Medicine
 - ii. LSU Faculty Senate President Kevin Cope offered to meet with the LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate to discuss issues related to faculty representation.
- 2. BOS –
 - i. Presented proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 LSU System Operating Budget
 - ii. Salary freeze in effect. Potential freeze on number of campus FTE's to limit to 2009 levels.
 - iii. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 LSU System Operating Budget can be viewed at: <http://lsusystem.edu/userfiles/file/Operating%20Budget%202010-11.pdf>

IV. Old Business

- 1. ORP – No further update
- 2. Budget update – No additional updates
- 3. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – During Senate Executive Committee meeting with Chancellor, Dr Hollier was receptive to formally constituting the WAC and having it begin work on potential areas to address in order to strengthen the Center's website
 - i. The Committee Coordinating Committee (CCC) will readdress the needs of a WAC. Senator Sturtevant recommended the CCC consider that a member from the School of Medicine Communication Committee serve on the WAC.
 - ii. The WAC will consider the deficiencies of the website and make specific proposals for areas and potential means to improve the website. That proposal will be presented to the appropriate person(s) by an executive committee of the WAC.

V. New Business

- 1. Committee vacancies
 - i. CCC will fill remaining committee vacancies.
- 2. School Liaisons for 2010-2011
 - i. Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs
 - ii. Dentistry – Stephen Brisco
 - iii. Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee
 - iv. Library – Rebecca Bealer
 - v. Medicine – Stephen Brierre
 - vi. Nursing – Leanne Fowler
 - vii. Public Health – Neal Simonsen
- 3. *LSU Health* Logo – Faculty response to the new logo for the health sciences centers has been largely unfavorable. Chancellor Hollier recognized the faculty's concern with the timing of the change, the aesthetics of logo, and its adequacy to accurately represent the complex and varied attributes of the health sciences center, particularly the research and teaching aspects.
- 4. Emergency Text/Response system – It was questioned whether the emergency text response system should have been activated during a recent violent crime on campus. Facilities Safety and Security committee to review policy, including routine testing.
- 5. University of Louisiana System attempted change to tenure policy – Past President Rubin reported on a draft resolution by the LSU System COFA in support of UL

System faculty. The resolution is in response to a recent attempt to change current policies and procedures throughout the UL System relating to obtaining tenure and dealing with tenured and other faculty in the event that administrators seek to release them.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – J Sturtevant gave an update on the Education Service/Patient Care project. There are three venues currently being proposed:
 1. NOPLAY (New Orleans Providing Literacy to All Youth) – GED program at Youth Empowerment Project (2601 Tulane Ave). Awaiting selection of a date
 2. KIPP Charter Schools – Orleans Parish – talk to students – Science Literacy – contacting school(s) to arrange specific date(s) for outreach activities
 3. Slidell High School – Allied Health Program – Senators James and Rubin and Michelle Zitzmann of Allied Health participated in a pilot exercise in a local high school. It was well received and an overall excellent experience.
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – Will convene to populate committee vacancies. President Simonsen added that it would be beneficial for each committee to come up with at least one goal for the coming year, and asked the committees to do so once their rosters have been finalized.
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** - No report
- iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – No report
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – Senator Dimitriades reported that there is little public information available to describe similar academic health sciences centers that have undertaken collective bargaining agreements, especially with regard to salary negotiations. Senator Lloyd asked about the possibility of creating a collective bargaining effort aimed to protect faculty benefits. Past President Rubin clarified the LSUHSC-Shreveport identified faculty tenure and benefits as the main stimulus for the collective bargaining discussion on their campus. A motion to invite LSU-BR Faculty Senate President Kevin Cope to address the issue of collective bargaining for LSUHSC at next month's meeting passed unanimously. Past President Rubin will take the lead in arranging this.
- vii. **Research** – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – The SAHP is currently updating their Strategic Plan, and hope to have it completed in the next 2 months. This will be a 5 year plan, and will link to the LSUHSC Strategic Plan. Also, the SAHP SGA is sponsoring a seminar series focusing on preparing the students for entry into the workplace. Topics include resume writing, interviewing, and job benefits. There is a school-wide job fair on Sept 30th with 25 facilities participating, recruiting from all disciplines represented in allied health.
- ii. **Dentistry** – Proposed tuition increases to help offset budgetary shortfalls would still keep the rates under the national average. Renovations on key projects are underway. The Baton Rouge student rotation is closed as of June 30, 2010. Attempts are underway to have students continue to rotate in Baton Rouge by some means.

- iii. **Graduate Studies** –Continue to grapple with impending devastating budgetary cuts. Research Day will be 10/22/10 at the Dental School.
- iv. **Library** – The shortened library hour schedule will continue indefinitely.
- v. **Medicine** – FA unanimously voted not to participate further in the Faculty Forward survey.
- vi. **Nursing** – Currently updating Strategic Plan. Also, creating contingency plan to retain faculty in front of anticipated budget cuts. Graduate program is applying for CCNE accreditation.
- vii. **Public Health** – Gearing up in preparation for admitting students into their third PhD program, in Community Health Sciences, next Fall.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:48 pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
September 28, 2010