

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – February 14th, 2012
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan, Rennie Jacobs, Jerald James, Theresa Nicholls and Scott Rubin

Dentistry – S. Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, and Elizabeth Strother

Graduate Studies – Ted Weyand (proxy John Cork)

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Jerome Breslin, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, and Joy Sturtevant

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Zhide Fang, Dan Harrington, Joseph Hagan, and Neal Simonsen

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – n/a

Dentistry – Tom Lallier

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre and Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Randy Rosamond, and Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods

Public Health – Xiao-Cheng Wu (excused)

Ex Officio – Dennis Paul

I. Approval of January 2012 Minutes – unanimous

II. President’s Report

1. Meeting with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher

i. Clery Act –

1. Senate Executive Committee alerted Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher regarding our non-compliance and potential consequences.

2. Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher asked the Office of Compliance to address the issue

3. Information submitted to the US Dept of Education for years 2008, 2009, and 2010 incorrectly indicated that the campus was free of crime

4. Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher noted he would discuss the issue with Kathy Muslow to gain the correct information

2. IT Committee meeting with Bettina Owens and Ken Boe (see committees report)

3. Proposal to invite Chris Vidrine to upcoming FS meeting to offer budget update accepted

4. Proposal to invite Sandra Andrieu to upcoming FS meeting to offer IPE update accepted

5. Budget update –
 - i. Direct appropriations from the state to higher education are expected to be lowered by the amount that tuition and fee raises will increase revenue coming into the system.
 - ii. Expressed the opinion that a proposed 3% increase in the employee contribution to the retirement package which can be used for non-retirement purposes amounts to a tax on public employees

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

1. COFA

- i. Announced the newest BOS member, Jack Laughton, Jr. from Lake Charles; the entire BOS is now comprised of members selected by Gov. Jindal
- ii. Announced an “open” meeting of all LSU Boards at the Pennington Conference Center on Feb 27th, 2012
- iii. Anticipating upcoming state retirement legislation for debate
- iv. Report from the Nation Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) proposes that both HSC’s be under LSU A&M Chancellor
 1. No faculty input to date
 2. President Lombardi proposal for a 3 year study of the NCHEMS report
- v. LSUHSC-S raised an issue concerning salary inequities when comparing similar positions in the various campuses
 1. CFA will conduct a salary analysis for comparison and present findings to President Lombardi

2. BOS

- i. Fred Cerise, LSU Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education, reported that new budget cuts will bring along necessary cuts to vital services (see following article links) with a detrimental effect on healthcare and education.
http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/02/louisiana_gov_bobby_jindal_lsu.html
http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/02/lsu_making_15_million_in_cuts.html
- ii. Entire LSU System cuts amount to 21 million dollars

IV. Old Business

1. None discussed here

V. New Business –

1. American with Disabilities Act

- i. Recent case raised the question of the how ADA Compliance issues are handled at LSUHSC, specifically regarding whether cases were handled on a school or HSC level. FS President Levitzky serves on the LSUHSC ADA Compliance Committee but noted that it is up to the individual schools to determine what are “Reasonable Accommodation Obligations”
<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/hrm/relations/ada.aspx>

2. Interprofessional Education (see President’s Report)

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – SOM is compiling information on existing service projects for dissemination

- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
- iv. **Information Technology** – Met with Bettina Owens and Ken Boe
 - 1. Input was given for the new website model, including goals of making the site friendlier for patients, potential donors, and showing the HSC in a more favorable light
 - 2. A mobile version of the webpage is being created
 - 3. Attempting to provide additional support for faculty and staff using Macintosh/Apple systems
 - 4. Social Networking features/issues
 - a. Draft policy is circulating for input/review
 - b. Departments would be able to make Facebook sites with prior approval
 - 5. Current CV database effort was deferred
 - 6. Efforts being made for initiation of online student registration/student self serve
 - 7. Regarding CM-42, there will be a change in practice to first inform the employee identified for inappropriate use prior to notifying the employee's supervisor/dean; additionally, there will be an effort to better define bandwidth limitations and site restrictions
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – Reminded everyone to practice appropriate Mardi Gras season safety.
- 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** – There has been increased trash in the commons area with attempts to improve the situation.
- v. **Medicine** – SOM FA met with discussions/updates regarding an ongoing search for the Dept of Genetics Chair, budget cuts with subsequent cuts (see above article link), research incentive programs, issues delaying the Cancer Center opening, Animal Care facility building, and Faculty Awards process.
- vi. **Nursing** – No report
- vii. **Public Health** – A replacement senator, Zhide Fang, was introduced to replace Lynn Lamotte, who is on sabbatical.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:54pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
 Faculty Senate Secretary
 March 6th, 2012