

## LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:35 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** – Suresh Alahari and Ted Weyand

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

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

**Nursing** – Randy Rosamond and Todd Tartavouille

**Public Health** – Zhide Fang, Joseph Hagan, Dan Harrington, Neal Simonsen and Xiao-Cheng Wu

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd and Dennis Paul

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – n/a

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier

**Graduate Studies** – n/a

**Library** – n/a

**Medicine** – Stephen Brierre and Erich Richter

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

**Public Health** – n/a

**Ex Officio** – n/a

### I. Guest – Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher

#### 1. Credentialing Actions/Report submissions

i. SACS – Report Submitted

ii. Grad Act – Report submitted to Systems Office and subsequently to Board of Regents

iii. Next endeavor involves creation and submission of Research Priorities Report for submission to Board of Regents in accordance to the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (LA-STEM) Research Scholars Program.

#### 2. Emergency Planning

i. Emergency Plan has been revised extensively and is awaiting Chancellor approval

ii. Updates include (but are not limited to) –

1. Response to weather-related emergencies

2. Response to a shooter/shooting on campus

3. Response to external hazardous materials exposure

4. Response to bomb threat, explosion, spill, etc.

- iii. Emergency Response units are being revamped and will be coordinated to allow pinpoint identification of trigger location
- 3. Construction/restoration progress
  - i. First floor entrances
    - 1. Allied Health and Nursing Building – work started/ongoing on first/second floors
    - 2. Resource Center Building – work started on first floor with completion goal Dec 2012. First floor will contain Office of the Registrar, Bursar’s Office, and Parking Office. The goal is to create a “student mall” for “one-stop shopping.” Financial Aid Office will be added last.
    - 3. The best method to secure entry to first floors of the various campus buildings is still being considered.
  - ii. Trail Clinical Science Research Center
    - 1. FEMA funding for an animal care facility addition to the building is under review due to changes in construction plans.
    - 2. A new walkway between the Animal Care addition and the MEB is planned.
    - 3. The animal care addition has necessitated a revision to the original design to place the generator facility on the roof of the building. The revised design has been approved and construction will hopefully begin in Fall 2012.
  - iii. Dental School – approval for an animal care and clinical practice building is still required.
- 4. LA HB 964 to merge Louisiana Tech and LSU-Shreveport (not LSUHSC-S) passed the Committee on Education (14-4)
- 5. Budget cuts – an additional 21 million dollars has been cut from the Department of Health and Hospitals; it is anticipated that these cuts will almost entirely be shouldered by healthcare services and the health sciences centers; additionally, 21 million dollars is to be cut from higher education.
- 6. Questions to Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher:
  - i. Are pay raises projected?
    - 1. Unlikely in the current atmosphere of budget cuts; for example, an across the board 4% raise for the campus would mean approximately an additional 8 million dollars; no decisions will be considered during the current legislative session
  - ii. Are proposed changes to the pension system legal?
    - 1. Unable to answer until the bills are finalized.
  - iii. What does the President’s firing mean for LSUHSC-NO?
    - 1. It is bad overall for the LSU-System.
  - iv. Update on the search for a replacement Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance?
    - 1. No current selection made or pending.
- 7. Discussion after Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher’s departure from the meeting:
  - i. Senator Sturtevant inquired who is deciding on the report for “Research Priorities?” President Levitzky replied that Dr Bazan heads the responsible committee. President Levitzky will suggest to Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher that there be some input from the Faculty Senate Research Committee.

II. Approval of April 2012 Minutes – unanimous

### III. President's Report

1. Academy IPE Symposium – very well attended and generally successful; many good ideas with concrete plans to promote Interprofessional Education came about.
2. Lecture Capture – School of Medicine is considering Lecture Capture (audiovisual recordings of course lecture to make on-demand available for students through various technologies). Questions regarding ownership of lecture materials, influence on student classroom attendance, and mandating faculty participation were discussed at length at the most recent SOM FA meeting. Subsequently, a document addressing these issues was drafted by the SOM Curriculum Committee Subcommittee on Lecture Capture. It is likely that Lecture Capture will begin with a piloted trial with a limited number of courses.

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

1. COFA was slated to meet with President Lombardi, prior to his firing. No meeting occurred. No additional report.

### V. Old Business

1. Clery Act – Senator James met with Associate Vice Chancellor Rovaris. Statistics have been added to the crime reports. However, those statistics reflect that no crime is occurring and likely are not accurate, as per general Faculty Senate discussion.
2. Smoking Ban – There has been no significant support to the idea for locating appropriate designated smoking areas.

### VI. New Business –

1. Faculty Senate Nominations for office as follows:
  - i. President-Elect – Costa Dimitriadis
  - ii. Secretary – Jerald James, Suzanne Farrar
  - iii. BOS Representative – Lynn LaMotte
2. Elections will take place at the June meeting
3. Senator Sturtevant raised concern regarding persistent issues plaguing the HSC which have not been adequately addressed by any group, including the Faculty Senate. Issues include continued lack of any daycare, continued non-participation in any recycling program, and continued poor cafeteria food quality. Several senators concurred and added additional issues such as graduate student fees for items not applicable to them. After general discussion, it was decided that the appropriate FS committees would address the deficiencies within committee and report back to the FS regarding appropriate plans of action. (See committee reports below.)

### VII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
  - i. **Education Committee** – No report
  - ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – Reminder regarding June elections
  - iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – Corrected version of FS Constitution now available on website, this includes the updated definition of a “quorum.”
  - iv. **Information Technology** – There is continued general progress.
  - v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – Will look into options for recycling.
  - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – Will look into alternative options for issues of daycare and cafeteria food quality.
  - vii. **Research** – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – Family Day scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>
- ii. **Dentistry** – Dean’s Report for 2010-11 due in June
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – There have been no recent meetings; there is a posted job description for Coordinator of Graduate Studies
- iv. **Library** – Recently launched a link resolver after a major initiative per Senator Bealer
- v. **Medicine** – Faculty Awards to be presented May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012; an offer is due for a prospective Head of the Dept of Genetics; there are efforts being made to improve the phone service for the St Charles Clinical Practice facility, which need improvement.
- vi. **Nursing** – Reported that board passage rate for the school is up to 99%
- vii. **Public Health** – In the process of elections; recently completed 1<sup>st</sup> successful doctoral defense in Biostatistics.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:57pm

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