

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – October 11th, 2011

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

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

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

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Ted Weyand (proxy John Cork)

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Jerome Breslin, Stephen Brierre (proxy Andy Hollenbach), Costa Dimitriades, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, and M. Levitzky

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus, Todd Tartavouille and Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods

Public Health – Joseph Hagan, Dan Harrington (proxy Kari Brisolaro), Neal Simonsen, and Xiao-Cheng Wu (proxy Tung-Seng Tseng)

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd and Dennis Paul

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – n/a

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Erich Richter and Joy Sturtevant (excused)

Nursing – Leanne Fowler and Randy Rosamond

Public Health – Lynn LaMotte

Ex Officio –

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of September 2011 Minutes – unanimous following one attendance revision
- III. President's Report
 1. Meeting with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher
 - i. A draft advertisement for the position of Vice Chancellor of Finance has been created. It will require approval through the chain up through the BOS before it can be posted. Also, a rough draft of the organizational chart reflecting the split of the position Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance into two separate positions has been made. It would require approval from LSU System President Lombardi and possibly the BOS to become official.
 - ii. The Board of Regents has funding deficiencies. With regard to the Endowed Professorship Program, professorships will be awarded on a competitive basis from now on, as opposed to being matched automatically. There are

approximately 20 professorships currently submitted but not matched. The BOR will plan to match 2 professorships per year.

- iii. The BOR Research Support Fund is being reviewed.
- iv. The BOR will end the current moratorium on new programs. There are currently two programs under consideration: School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and School of Allied Health, Physician Assistant's Program

IV. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – No report

V. Old Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System – The system underwent a test on September 29th. Yet overall understanding of how the system would be utilized in real situations remains unclear. In addition, it was noted again that LSUHSC is not in compliance with the federal Clery Act. After some discussion it was suggested the Executive Council attempt to meet with Chancellor Hollier to discuss the matters further.

VI. New Business

- i. Cross-walks – A faculty member from the School of Medicine raised a concern regarding the lack of painted pedestrian cross-walks in the areas of the MEB and associated parking lots. The matter was turned over to the Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee for review.
- ii. Tenure Clock – There was an extended discussion on the subject of extension of the tenure clock from 7 to 9 years as a reiterated request originating from LSUHSC – Shreveport was circulated. It was proposed that each school's Faculty Assembly discuss the subject and report back to the Faculty Senate.

VII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – The committee is close to finalizing a date/time with Warren Easton High School for the service project. At Senator Sturtevant's request, the senate body was asked if a particular day of the week was preferable. There was no consensus regarding any particular day of the week.
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
- iv. **Information Technology** – A small representation of the IT committee will hopefully meet with Bettina Owens to discuss current HSC IT issues.
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See Old Business, item 1
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – It was noted that various forms of raises do exist outside of promotion, such as retention or equity packages. However, the overall process is unclear and inconsistent.
- vii. **Research** – No report.

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – "Allied Health" week will be held the first week in November. Additionally, a faculty member requested the Faculty Senate's stance on the overall freeze on pay raises.
- ii. **Dentistry** – No report.
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – Graduate Research Day will be Friday, November 4th.
- iv. **Library** – No report

- v. **Medicine** – Issue of tenure clock extension was discussed. A subcommittee was formed to review the subject. Also, it was brought up that the Strategic Plan for the School of Medicine included provisions for the regular input of faculty regarding the performance of their department heads.
- vi. **Nursing** – No report
- vii. **Public Health** – Working on materials needed to support the school's application for CEPH accreditation.

VIII. Announcements/Questions

1. Senator Rubin asked if anyone knew of definitive plans for the use of University Hospital after the completion of the new Academic Medical Center. No one had any concrete knowledge.
2. Senator Paul announced that the Association of LA Faculty Senates was sponsoring a gubernatorial debate on the main campus in Baton Rouge.
3. www.geauxvote.com

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:44pm

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