

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – September 11, 2012

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Dugan called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

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

Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar, Thomas Lallier, Julie Schiavo, Stephen Brisco

Graduate Studies – Ted Weyand, Suresh Alahari

Library – Rebecca Bealer,

Medicine – Timothy Foster, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, and M. Levitzky, Peter Winsauer, Jay Mussell, Robin McGoey

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille,

Public Health – Joseph Hagan, Neal Simonsen and Xiao-Cheng Wu, Dan Harrington, Lynn LaMotte

I. Approval of August 2012 Minutes – unanimous

II. President's Report

1. **Proposed closing of public hospitals** – The Governor is considering a plan to privatize the current public hospital setup. Nothing has been announced. It is not imminent. Various members of the senate voiced their concerns about how privatization will affect the care of the patients and the education of medical students, residents, and other health care students. It was mentioned that perhaps we should evaluate our lobbying rights as private citizens, perhaps with consultation with Chris Vidrine. The senators would like to get an idea of how LSU's vision for the future in light of this possible change in the structure of how the hospitals will be managed.
2. Dr. Moerschbaeche spoke positively of the Emergency Response System as it related to the hurricane.

III. Board of Supervisors

1. **Rubin**- The guest speaker at the August Meeting noted the change in the perception of higher education nationally. For instance he mentioned a statistic in that 57% of the public rated higher education as a poor value. Approximately one third of the students in higher education are taking online courses.
2. **Rubin**- Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting- The council suggested to President Jenkins that they should have representation on the Board of Supervisors. The council mentioned that in their opinion, the board of supervisors should be actively working to fix the current retirement system. Also, the council suggested that the Board of supervisors should think about using a statewide campaign to highlight the benefits of higher education in the state of Louisiana.

IV. Old Business

1. **Formation of Committee's members and chair persons-** Jerald James scrubbed the list of new Senators for the 2012-2013 academic year. Senator Dimitriadis suggested that everyone evaluate the roles of each committee. It was also noted that most of the committees have had the same chair person for a couple of years. It would probably be a good idea if different Senators stepped up to assume roles as committee chairs.

V. New Business –

1. **Evaluation of Program Directors, Department Heads and Deans-** Senator Winsauer commented on the medical school's plan of having the dean evaluate his department heads. They will be using a version of the IDEA Survey. There is perhaps a general version that other schools in the health science center may bring forward to their deans to evaluate their various department heads.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – No report
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – see old business
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – no report
- iv. **Information Technology** – Chair person Mike Levitzky met with Ms. Bettina Owens and Roy Clay. The language in CM42 will be changed so that only the chancellor, CEO of HCSD, or the University Counsel will be able to authorize IT to impose on privacy information of faculty, students, or staff if warranted. Also as a result of the noted difficulty for some mobile phone users, the date for everyone to add Zenprise to their mobile phones if they want email pushed to their smart phones has been moved back to October. A definitive date will be announced shortly. The Chair praised Ms. Owens and Mr. Clay for their collegiality in working with the Faculty Senate and the Med School Faculty Assembly.
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – No report
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – no report
- vii. **Research** – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – No report; first meeting was held today
- ii. **Dentistry** – The dental school can now accept payment plans for some transactions
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
- iv. **Library** – No report
- v. **Medicine** – The medical school currently has 2700 applicants for admission
- vi. **Nursing** – No report
- vii. **Public Health** – No report

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:05pm

Submitted by: Jerald F. James Jr., Au.D
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