

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – March 11th, 2014**

Administration Building  
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
3:30pm

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

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls, Scott Rubin

**Dentistry** – Julie Schiavo

**Graduate Studies** – Ted Weyand and Suresh Weyand

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** – Costa Dimitriades, Michael Levitzky, Peter Winsauer, Jay Mussell, and Timothy Foster

**Nursing** – Todd Tartavouille, Ellen Beyer, Katherine Carter, and Gloria Giarratano

**Public Health** – Patricia Andrews, Dan Harrington, and Lynn LaMotte

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd and Erin Dugan

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Jerald James and Jan Case

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier, Steven Brisco, Suzanne Farrar (Excused), and Kitrina Cordell (Excused)

**Graduate Studies** – N/A

**Library** – N/A

**Medicine** – Robin McGoey, Kyle Happel, and Bradley Spieler,

**Nursing** – Jean Cefalu

**Public Health** – Cruz Velasco-Gonzales and Chih-yang Hu

**Ex Officio** – N/A

- I. Approval of February 2014 Minutes – unanimous
- II. President's Report:
  1. The call boxes on the breeze way are functional.
  2. Discussions about purchasing automated external defibrillators with Dr. Moerschbaecheer have occurred. A protocol needs to be developed. The process of purchasing and creating a protocol is ongoing.
  3. Students and faculty may text university police directly (uTip). The message must begin with LSUHSC or it will not be delivered.
- III. Board of Supervisors Meeting
  1. No report.
  2. President Dimitriades stated the next Alexandria Summit will occur April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- IV. Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting
  1. No report
- V. Old Business
  1. Recycling Ad Hoc Committee Report

- i. Recycling Ad Hoc Committee met approximately 1 month ago and reported that Waste Pro is our provider and does recycle. Senator Mussell has emailed and called LSUHSC Waste Pro representative in regards to recycling, but has yet to hear back.
2. Office Temperatures
  - i. Senator LaMotte developed a survey of 6 questions and distributed to the School of Public Health. Eighty percent response rate and results include 60% unsatisfied with office temperatures. Temperature is uncomfortable in office most or all of the time. Senator Levitzky made a motion to distribute survey to all schools in the Health Sciences Center. The motion was seconded by Senator Rubin. President Dimitriades will approach Dr. Moerschbaecher about distribution of survey.
3. Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee Report
  - i. Committee will set a meeting and deliver a formal report at next Faculty Senate meeting
4. Optional Retirement Plan
  - i. LSUBR Faculty Senate have produced a newsletter and have included an article as to why there is a decrease in the ORP from 5.2% to 3.7%. President Dimitriades encouraged the Faculty Senate at LSUHSC to read the letter. The decrease in contribution will make it difficult for LSUHSC to recruit and retain faculty. President Dimitriades has developed a word document with useful links regarding the ORP. He will email to Senator Lloyd who will then post to website. President Dimitriades asked the senate members on ways to unite us with our colleagues in the state of Louisiana. Senator Mussell suggested a spreadsheet be created so one can see the financial impact of a reduction. Senator Foster stated we must change the mindset of the public who believe all state employees are part of a great retirement system. Approximately 50% of educators are in the ORP program and will be affected by the reduction. Senator Nelson stated a letter template should be created and Senators could distribute and gain signatures. President-elect Winsauer will speak with Chris Vidrine about gathering assistance in writing a letter. Senator LaMotte made a motion for the Faculty Senate to write a resolution in regards to this matter. The motion was seconded by Senator Nicholls. President Dimitriades will draft a letter and send to the Executive Committee for review and then to Senators for approval. Once finalized the letter will be posted to Senate website with links.
  - ii. For the next Faculty Senate meeting on April 8th, all Faculty Assemblies will be invited. Dr. Kevin Cope, who is President of LSUBR Faculty Senate, will be invited to provide further information on ORP.
5. Faculty Assemblies
  - i. **Allied Health** – No report.
  - ii. **Dentistry** –No report.
  - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report.
  - iv. **Library** – No report.
  - v. **Medicine** – No report.
  - vi. **Nursing** – Interviews for applicants occurred in February.
  - vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Mussell and seconded by President-elect Winsauer.

Submitted by: T. Tartavouille, DNS, APRN, CNS-BC

Faculty Senate Secretary  
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