

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – June 9, 2015**

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Resource Bldg.  
3:30 p.m.

President Winsauer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.  
Quorum verified...

Those present included:

**Allied Health** –Kirk Nelson, Jerald James, and Scott Rubin

**Dentistry** – Suzanne Farrar, Kitrina Cordell, Stephen Brisco, and Julie Schiavo

**Graduate Studies** –Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** –Sanjay Kamboj (Robin McGoey proxy), Scott Delacroix, Michael Levitzky (Kyle Happel – proxy), Robin McGoey, Bradley Spieler, Jay Mussell, and Peter Winsauer

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

**Public Health** – Lynn LaMotte, Adrienne Katner, Takeda Ferguson (Proxy for Susanne Straif-Bourgeois), Chih-Yang Hu

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Jan Case, Theresa Nicholls

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier

**Graduate Studies** –N/A

**Library** – N/A

**Medicine** –Timothy Foster

**Nursing** – Jean Cefalu

**Public Health** – Stephen Phillippi

I. Approval of the minutes from the May 2015 meeting. Senator Jay Mussell made a motion to accept minutes. Senator Levitzky seconded the motion, and a majority agreed to accept them without revision.

II.

A. New Business:

1. In accordance with the bylaws, elections were held as the first order of business at the June meeting. The Senate elected Senators Scott Delacroix as the President Elect, Rebecca Bealer as the Secretary/Treasurer, and the new Board of Supervisors representatives will be Jay Mussell and Peter Winsauer.
2. Revision of our bylaws, as well as those for LSU Baton Rouge, will be needed due to the abolition of the LSU System – both refer to the System throughout.
3. Legislative budget process. Looks like higher education has been spared the devastating budget cuts originally required by the Governor's budget; however, health care may still be affected if the legislature cannot identify all of the funds necessary to fill the existing 1.6 billion dollar deficit. For example, although the Governor Jindal has said he will veto any proposed tax increases, the House has suggested a new 32-cent tax increase on cigarettes, whereas the Senate has proposed a higher 72-cent tax on cigarettes. LSUHSC may be in

better position compared with the other schools as we are not as dependent on state general funds.

4. University Medical Center (UMC): This new facility should have ample parking, about 1200 parking spaces, which includes about 400 spaces for staff. If these 400 spaces are not enough to accommodate everyone (particularly during the day), the worst-case scenario is that staff might have to pay the daily parking rate or pay for a more permanent parking space, which will cost \$25.00 per month. UMC is also exploring the use of the existing lots in front of the Interim Hospital for satellite parking, and having a shuttle service between LSUSHC and UMC, and Tulane and UMC.
5. LSUSHC is exploring the possibility of buying or renting the old UNO-Jefferson campus building at 3330 Causeway Blvd. for the purpose of providing additional clinic space for the LSUHSC faculty practice. However, the administration seems divided over this possibility, because we already have problems with the St. Charles clinic.
6. LSUSHC Foundation recruited a new person to raise funds. Previously, the Foundation's personnel have largely acted as executors rather than fund raisers, so this is sort of a new (obvious) direction for them, and we need them to raise funds for specific projects on the LSUHSC campus. The new person's name is Jessica Bernard.

#### B. Unfinished Business

1. Ad hoc committee on recycling: No report. Recycling is ongoing.
2. Ad hoc committee on salary compression: Senator Giarratano stated that the committee met twice last month and that Senator LaMotte had created a formula and spread sheet for determining the extent of salary compression. The formula will be tested with public data and if it works, the committee will begin working on soliciting data from LSUHSC administration. The committee is in the process of testing the formula.
3. Ad hoc committee on faculty utilization: Senator Theresa Nichols is injured. Senator Todd Tartavouille will take care of it.

#### III. Reports from the BoS and the different Schools:

1. Board of Supervisors: Will meet next week in Alexandria.
2. Nursing: Next faculty meeting is in July.
3. Medicine: Met with Vice Chancellor for Administration, J. Pegues. The SOM Faculty Assembly had a productive discussion concerning the vision for LSUHSC as a center for personalized medicine, with a major emphasis on Genomics. The SOM faculty were concerned that we are too far behind in this particular area in terms of research and infrastructure to make an impact in the Southeast as proposed by the recently developed Vision. For anyone interested in the other issues discussed with Vice Chancellor Pegues, they should see the minutes for the June meeting of the SOM Faculty Assembly.
4. Allied Health: 400 people attended Family Day on May 30<sup>th</sup>, and a good time was had by all.
5. Public Health: Their Assembly has a new President Elect, and the School's new Dean (Dean Smith) started.
6. Graduate School: No report

7. Dental School: SOD Faculty Assembly meeting will be next week. Major topics included their accreditation renewal in 2017.
8. Library: None.

IV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Mussell and it was seconded by Senator LaMotte. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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