

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – May 12, 2015
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th floor, Admin Bldg.
3:30 p.m.

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

Those present included:

Allied Health – Jerald James, Kerrie Ramsdell (Proxy for Kirk Nelson) and Theresa Nicholls

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

Graduate Studies –Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine –Sanjay Kamboj, Scott Delacroix, Michael Levitzky (Kyle Happel –proxy), Robin McGoey, and Peter Winsauer

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille, Katherine Carter, and Gloria Giarratano

Public Health – Lynn LaMotte, Adrienne Katner, Dan Harrington (Proxy for Susanne Straif-Bourgeois), Chih-Yang Hu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Costa Dimitriades

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Jan Case, Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Tom Lallier

Graduate Studies –N/A

Library – N/A

Medicine –Timothy Foster, Bradley Spieler, and Jay Mussell

Nursing – Jean Cefalu and Ellen Beyer

Public Health – Stephen Phillippi

I. Approval of the minutes from the April meeting. Senator McGoey made a motion to accept minutes from April 2015. Senator Kamboj seconded the motion, and a majority agreed to accept them without revision.

II.

A. New Business:

1. Commencement to take place on Thursday, May 14th, 2015 at the UNO Lakefront Arena; please attend if at all possible.
2. Ad hoc committee for Nominations/Election will put together a list of nominees for President-elect, Secretary, and Board of Supervisors positions. The ad hoc committee will consist of Senators Farrar, James, McGoey, Levitzky, and Delacroix.
3. Ad hoc committee to survey faculty time spent on administrative/clerical duties will consist of Senators Katner, Nicholls, and Tartavouille. According to AAMC, faculty at medical schools are increasingly doing more clerical/administrative duties. The clerical/administrative duties occupy 11% to 22% of the faculty’s time, whereas the recommended amount by the AAMC is around 8%. The ad hoc committee will use the AAMC survey as a template and will post to Faculty Senate website for interested faculty to complete. Once the survey data are reviewed, the results will be presented to Chancellor Hollier.

4. Legislative budget process to date includes raising 600 million dollars with implementation of new taxes and a reduction in tax credits. This amount should keep the next year's budget at a standstill, rather than the drastic cuts that would be needed if the Governor's budget is passed. Unfortunately, the legislators have not yet identified funds to salvage healthcare, which could result in a 23 million dollar cut to healthcare.

B. Unfinished Business

1. Defunding Resolution? In light of all of the Senate resolutions by various institutions from around the State that have been ignored, President Winsauer decided not to go ahead with crafting our own resolution against the defunding of higher education by the Governor and legislators. However, he did encourage anyone who was interested in supporting such a measure visit the www.savelahighered.com website, which offers an opportunity to support both a citizen's pledge and a legislative pledge.
2. Ad hoc committee on recycling: No report. Recycling is ongoing.
3. Ad hoc committee on salary compression: Senator Giarratano stated that the committee met twice last month and that Senator LaMotte had created an algorithm to determine the extent of salary compression. The algorithm will be tested with public data and if the algorithm works, the committee will begin working on soliciting data from LSUHSC administration. The committee should be able to use the algorithm to measure the extent of salary compression and to what extent salary compression may (or may not) be a problem in the schools at LSUHSC.

III. Reports from the BoS and the different Schools:

1. Board of Supervisors: At their most recent meeting, they officially abolished the LSU Systems Office.
2. Nursing: Nursing students attended the health fair at the Capital on May 5th and took blood pressures and taught stress-release techniques. Employee health on campus has expanded their clinic hours.
3. Medicine: Discussed safety concerns without an elevated crosswalk over Tulane. Crosswalks at street level will be enhanced in various ways and a shuttle service will also be available from the parking lot on Perdido in front of ILH.
4. Allied Health: Family Day is May 30th.
5. Public Health: Elections in progress. Dean Smith begins June 1st.
6. Graduate School: Had a spring picnic at the Dental School for the graduating Ph.D. students. Graduate students have also emailed a link to students and faculty at LSUHSC for anyone to use if they want to donate to Nepal relief efforts. There is a fundraiser at NOLA Brewery on May 12th.
7. Dental School: Gathering new delegates for Faculty Assembly. The modular building for the IPE clinic is being built. Money has been received for renovations of the Annex building. May 1st was Dental Day and faculty and students made a trip to Baton Rouge to speak with legislators. May 19th is Dental Hygienist Day.
8. Library: Display on medicine during the Renaissance occurred in April.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator LaMotte and it was seconded by Senator James. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Todd Tartavouille, DNS, APRN-CNS-BC
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