

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – October 14, 2014
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th floor, Admin Bldg.
3:30 p.m.

President Winsauer called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Theresa Nicholls and Scott Rubin

Dentistry –Suzanne Farrar, Steven Brisco, and Katrina Cordell

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Scott Delacroix, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Robin McGoey, and Peter Winsauer

Nursing –Todd Tartavouille, Gloria Giarratano, Ellen Beyer, and Jean Cefalu

Public Health – Susanne Straif-Burgeois and Lynn LaMotte,

Ex Officio – N/A

Those absent included:

Allied Health –Kirk Nelson, Jerald James and Jan Case

Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Julie Schiavo

Graduate Studies – N/A

Library – N/A

Medicine –Kyle Happel, Bradley Spieler, Jay Mussell, and Timothy Foster

Nursing – Katherine Carter

Public Health – Stephen Phillippi , Adrienne Katner, Chih-yang Hu

- I. Approval of the minutes. Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the minutes from September, 2014. Senator Rubin seconded the motion, and a majority voted to accept them without revision.
- II. Next, President Winsauer introduced Dr. Robin English, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Director of Clinical Science Curriculum. Dr. English began her presentation by describing the Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) required for SACSCOC accreditation. She was hoping that everybody would know that our QEP is IPE (inter-professional education). She discussed the progress to date, as well as the initiatives and strategies of the QEP. Her presentation is appended with the minutes. After the presentation, Senator Cordell suggested that some of the QEP activities should take place at the dental school as well. Also, Senator Farrar suggested there should be more presentations at the dental school as well other places to make people aware of QEP. Senator McGoey inquired whether the residents should know about it as well, and the answer was a definitive “Yes.” Senator Rubin wanted to know if the QEP course could be a mandatory course for all students. Senator Kamboj suggested that it would be a good idea to put it on all electronic notice boards. Lastly, Senator Cordell suggested putting this information on the websites for the individual Schools.
- III. Following Dr. English’s presentation, President Winsauer introduced the Director of External Relations, Mr. Chris Vidrine. Mr. Vidrine began with a comment about Amendments 1 and 2 on the November election ballot. Amendment 1, [which ultimately passed], constitutionally protects funding for nursing homes around the State. Amendment 2, [a proposed hospital stabilization fund that also passed], constitutionally protects funding for hospitals. The problem with both of these amendments from the perspective of higher education is that in protecting these particular budget

items/costs, they further limited those items in the state budget that can be cut. As is well known around the State, two of the areas that are most susceptible to cuts in our State are health care and higher education. With these Amendments, higher education becomes even more vulnerable.

Next, Mr. Vidrine gave a brief update on HCR-134 (<http://legiscan.com/LA/text/HCR134/2014>), a House Concurrent Resolution that created a Medical Education & Research Finance Work Group to provide findings and recommendations to the legislature relative to a formula-based financing model for the funding of Louisiana's public institutions for graduate and professional medical education and biomedical and health-related research. The goal of this bill is to have the Group collect enough information that they can then use to develop a formula that would equitably fund graduate and professional medical education and biomedical and health-related research in this State. The progress in this effort is currently unknown. The report is due to be published in January of 2015.

Finally, he talked about the engagement of Adams and Reese for federal affairs. Adams and Reese represent clients in various states including Louisiana. President Alexander suggests that all grant submissions be reported to Mr. Vidrine so that Adams and Reese can lobby for us in Washington D.C. Mr. Vidrine left around 4:30 p.m.

- IV. President Winsauer briefly discussed the lawsuit put forward by the President of the Senate on the Baton Rouge campus, Mr. Kevin Cope, and another complainant. The purpose of this lawsuit was to recover retirement benefits that were not paid by the State to Optional Retirement Plan holders. To prevent having to pay Social Security for retirees, the State said it would provide a benefit equal to, or greater than, Social Security – approximately 6.2%. However, the employer contribution to employees has been below this for some time. Given that the state has only offered to re-establish the appropriate percentage by 2018, the suit seeks compensation for both past and future losses. Several Senators also mentioned their concerns over the proposed changes to the Office of Group Benefits health-care plans.
- V. At the monthly meeting held between Dr. Moerschbaecher (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) and the Executive Committee, the following information was disseminated. The LSU Systems Office is going away. Among several pending proposals, there is one to have a single provost who can oversee academic affairs across all of the campuses. There is also a proposal to have a single chief of research who will oversee the research on all campuses - this may not be good because it may reduce the autonomy of each campus too much. One positive proposal is to have all of the promotion and tenure decisions stay at the campus level. In the past, the final decisions had to be approved by the System's Office.

On several other topics, we will be partnering with Delgado's Medical Laboratory Training program. LSU is planning to start a 10-year BS/MD/PhD program. With regard to the environmental health and safety, somebody will come and give an update to the Senate in December. LSUSHC is trying to find somebody to clean the lab coats on a regular basis. Plans for walkways to the new hospital were turned down again by the Mayor's office. Finally, there was discussion about crime on campus, particularly with regard to the recent theft of a motorcycle from the parking garage.
- VI. Because some Senators had expressed a strong interest in discussing the issue of salary compression on campus, President Winsauer asked the Senate if they would like to form an ad hoc committee to study the problem. The general consensus was that the Senate was interested in forming such a committee, and Winsauer said they would move on this issue in the near future.
- VII. Old business: no report from the recycling committee as Senator Costa was at another meeting discussing Ebola precautions.

VIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Rubin and seconded by Senator LaMotte.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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