

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – September 9th, 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 – Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls (Proxy-Laurie Hebert); Scott Rubin
Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar, Steven Brisco, Julie Schiavo and Katrina Cordell
Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal
Library – Rebecca Bealer
Medicine – Scott Delacroix, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Jay Mussell, Robin McGoey, and Peter Winsauer
Nursing – Todd Tartavouille, Gloria Giarratano, Ellen Beyer, and Katherine Carter
Public Health – Susanne Straif-Burgeois, Adrienne Katner, and Chih-yang Hu,
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Jerald James and Jan Case
Dentistry – Tom Lallier
Graduate Studies – N/A
Library – N/A
Medicine – Kyle Happel, Bradley Spieler, and Timothy Foster
Nursing – N/A
Public Health – Stephen Phillippi

- I. Approval of the minutes. Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the minutes from August, 2014. Senator Mussell seconded the motion, and a majority voted to accept them without revision.
- II. Next was the introduction of Mr. J. Pegues, Vice Chancellor for Administration. President Winsauer described Mr. Pegues’ outstanding accomplishments and his accolades prior to coming to LSUHSC. Then, Vice-Chancellor Pegues began his presentation by describing the process for establishing a Vision at LSUHSC. He stressed that a proper vision was essential for all successful companies (3M, Sony, and Herman Miller) and that it could help brand our teaching, research and patient care. In addition, the Vice Chancellor pointed out that we needed to have an appropriate mission statement, which would reveal our passion and focus our efforts. Because of the proper vision, several corporations, including Pepsi, Walmart, and GE, became number one in their businesses. Vice-Chancellor Pegues’ goal is to see LSUSHC become the number one medical school in the Southeast for patient satisfaction, student satisfaction and funded research by the year 2030. After reading a draft of the new LSUHSC vision statement, Senator Nelson commented that he did not feel that the new vision statement satisfactorily emphasized our role in academia or as teachers. Senators Levitzky and Rubin also stated that LSU health should be associated with much more than just health care, and that we are a research entity as well. Vice-Chancellor Pegues left at 4:25 p.m. More details regarding his presentation are available in a PDF file accompanying these minutes.
- III. Senator Cordell briefly revisited the issue regarding student loans. This issue was first raised during a special meeting with the Chancellor (see Minutes). Briefly, dental students have a

difficult time living on the amount provided by their student loan, especially during the first semester of the school year when they are charged for fees and equipment. According to Dr. Cordell, many have just come to the conclusion that there is nothing that can be done at this time and students may need to seek help from parents or private interests such as banks. Students also have the option of choosing “Graduate Plus,” a higher paying option of our current student loan package.

- IV. President’s Report: Winsauer recapped the conversation of the executive committee with Vice-Chancellor Moerschbaecher. This discussion included SACSCOC, IPE, the new human development building, the search for a new Dean for the School of Public Health; further detail is provided below.
- a. SACSCOC: the final Re-accreditation Document was prepared and sent to the SACSCOC committee for their review. Senator Levitzky headed the committee to prepare this report, which was about 250 pages with around 1200 attachments. Senator Levitzky mentioned that this report will be reviewed by the committee in November and they will inform us in February of their findings. At that time, we will prepare a response in a focused report. Following our response, an external site visit team will visit us in March 24th thru 26th to further assess whether we are in compliance with all rules and regulations.
 - b. Interprofessional Education (IPE) Day will be the 29th of September, and Senator Mussell suggested that this information be sent to all Department Heads and business managers.
 - c. The Human Development building has opened and people have moved into it even though it is still not clear who will police or maintain/clean the building. In the future, the Senate is considering have a meeting there, or at least asking for a tour, in order to learn more about the building and its purpose.
 - d. Dean’s Search for the School of Public Health: the search has been narrowed down to one person and negotiations are under way.
 - e. After what seems like forever, LSUHSC appears close to getting final approval from FEMA for a new 50 million dollar building at the dental school. The issue is currently awaiting final Congressional approval.
- V. The Senate also briefly revisited the issue of bicycle security on the downtown campus and on the Dental School campus. With respect to the Dental School, Senator Farrar (and President of the Dental School Faculty Assembly) stated that she spoke with the Dean of the School of Dentistry and that he stated that he would follow up on the issue. Senator Rubin stated that we needed a place to park motorcycles on the downtown campus.
- VI. Old Business:
- a. Senator Dimitriades summarized the progress to date on the recycling program and indicated that all of the LSUSHC community had been advised of the implementation of the program in the MEB and atrium, as well as its potential start date of November 1.
- VII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Levitzky, and seconded by Senator LaMotte. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Suresh K. Alahari, PhD
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