

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – April 14, 2015**  
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Dentistry** – Suzanne Farrar, Steven Brisco, and Julie Schiavo

**Graduate Studies** – Suresh Alahari

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

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

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

**Public Health** – Lynn LaMotte, Adrienne Katner, Susanne Straif-Burgeois, Chih-Yang Hu

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd, Costa Dimitriades

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** –Jan Case, Kirk Nelson, Scott Rubin

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier, Kitrina Cordell

**Graduate Studies** –Diptasri Mandal

**Library** – N/A

**Medicine** –Bradley Spieler, Michael Levitzky, Jay Mussell and Timothy Foster

**Nursing** – Katherine Carter

**Public Health** – Stephen Phillippi

I. New Business:

- A) Approval of the minutes. Senator Kamboji made a motion to accept the minutes from March, 2015. President Winsauer seconded the motion, and a majority voted to accept them without revision.
- B) Winsauer discussed various strategies for advocating to save higher education. He pointed out a new website through which we can advocate for higher education by asking Legislators to pledge to oppose the defunding of higher education. The website sponsoring the Legislator’s Pledge is [www.savelahighered.info](http://www.savelahighered.info). Accompanying the Legislator’s Pledge is a Citizen’s Pledge by which individual citizens can also go on record with their opposition to the defunding of higher education. President Winsauer then asked the Senators present if they were interested in passing a resolution opposing the defunding of higher education. Senator McGoey made the motion that such a resolution be constructed and the motion was seconded by Senator Delacroix. President Winsauer then mentioned that the LSU-BR students have planned a protest against the cuts to higher education for April 15 in Baton Rouge.
- C) SACSOC visit: It was very successful, they had four recommendations: 1) expand the number of goals for the QEP, 2) create a central log for student complaints, 3) assess administrative services, and 4) assess student services.
- D) LSUHSC Administration is now working on the Grad Act report, which has to be turned in soon to board of supervisors

- E) Opening of the new UMC is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>; however, as Senator McGoey noted this date for the transfer of patients from ILH to UMC will be very difficult. From April 24<sup>th</sup> onward, one has to sign-up through WILMA to tour UMC. UMC will have new IDs for staff, but LSUSHC IDs will work now.
- F) During his meeting with the Executive Committee, Vice-Chancellor Moerschbaeher mentioned that the Board of Supervisors (BoS) will be considering some changes to the rules for endowed professorships and chairs. Currently, the BoS matches 40K for every 60K donated for a professorship, and match 140K for every 180K donated for an endowed chair. Starting in July, the BoS match will be 400K for every 600K for professorships, and 1.4 million for every 1.8 million for chairs. The current yearly cap is 2 professorships and 1 chair.
- G) A 10-year BS/MD/PhD program will start in July for engineering students. Initially, 10 students will be admitted to this program in which participants will spend 3 years earning a B.S., 3 years earning a Ph.D., and 4 years earning a M.D. As in our traditional M.D./Ph.D. program, the Ph.D. will be obtained between the second and third years of the medical school.

## II. Old Business:

- A) Progress report from the recycling committee: We still have a problem with participants intermingling/contaminating recyclables with trash.
- B) Ad hoc Committee on Salary Compression: The committee is still attempting to establish a means (e.g., algorithm or formula) for identifying salary compression or inversion at LSUHSC. On the topic of faculty salaries, the AAUP published a new document (*Busting the Myths: The Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession, 2014-2015*) that helps debunk the myth that faculty salaries are one of the main reasons for the high cost of obtaining a college or graduate degree. Please check the Senate website for a link to this document.
- C) Reports from the BoS and the different Schools:
  1. Board of Supervisors: Senator LaMotte attended the meeting, which was very short as much of the routine committee business has been pushed down the campus level with the previous approval of PM 69. Not surprisingly, the BoS seem to be taking lots of criticism for not defending higher education more vigorously (e.g., [http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2015/03/lsu\\_board\\_jindal\\_resign.html](http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2015/03/lsu_board_jindal_resign.html))
  2. Nursing: Nothing major to report
  3. Medicine: Kathy Lazarus, the new chief academic officer (CAO) at UMC, met with the SOM FA to assure them that her role is to serve as an intermediary between the schools and Louisiana Children's Medical Center (LCMC) and to help faculty resolve any issues that arise.
  4. Allied Health: April 30<sup>th</sup> is the family day.
  5. Public Health: Students had a crawfish broil.
  6. Graduate School: Nothing major to report.
  7. Dental School: Fifty legislators came to the dental school with the Dean and toured the facility. No board of supervisors came with them.
  8. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Brisco, and it was seconded by Senator Tartavouille. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Suresh K. Alahari, PhD  
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