



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor Resource Center

1. Welcome: 3:30 pm

- Those present included:
 - Allied Health – Rachel Chappell, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn
 - Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, Julie Schiavo
 - Graduate Studies –Diptasri Mandal
 - Library – Marlene Bishop
 - Medicine – Lisa Campeau, Judy Crabtree, Scott Delacroix, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Robin McGoey, Bradley Spieler
 - Nursing – Jean Cefalu, James Foley, Paula Kensler
 - Public Health –Henry Nuss, Evrim Oral, Tung-Sung Tseng
 - Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

2. Guest speaker:

- Nicolle Psilos, Director, Heart Walk, American Heart Association, New Orleans: The Heart Walk is Saturday, November 11 at Champion Square. The festivities begin at 9:00 am and the walk starts at 10:00 am. There will be food, drinks, and entertainment.

3. July 11th meeting minutes were approved.

4. President's Report

- Director, Office of Research Services (Ken Kratz's position) is open and there will be a search.
- Director of Libraries (Debbie Sibley's position) is open and accepting applications. Dr. Varner is chair of the search committee.
- Report from Executive Committee meeting, Thursday, July 27th
 - Teaching academy - funding not currently available
 - Dr. Hollier will hold a Town Hall meeting on August 30th.

5. Guest speaker:

- John Harman, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance: Mr. Harman introduced himself. He has been at the HSC since May 1st. He would like for faculty to feel appreciated and students to have good experiences here. He feels that communication, coordination, and collaboration are important, and he is happy to be here.

6. President's Report continued:

- Drs. Lynn LaMotte and Julia Volaufova retirement party, Wednesday, August 9th
- Future guest speakers:

- September 12th: Ken Boe, Executive Director / Deputy CIO for Information Technology
- October 10th: Tina Gunaldo, Director, Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (CIPECP)
- November 14th: Human Resources – Rosalynn Martin, Director of Human Resource Management; Terrilyn Cunningham, Assistant Director, Employee Relations, Employment & Talent Acquisition; Annette Arboneaux, Assistant Director of Total Rewards, Benefits, Compensation & HRIS

7. Old Business

- Celebration of Life for Alma Nixon, Tuesday, August 15, 12 pm, School of Nursing, SR room 1
- Heart walk - senators were asked to volunteer and recruit volunteers to lead a team in their departments and schools.

8. New Business

- Webmaster position: Jennifer Lloyd has been appointed Interim Director of Libraries, and as such, she is no longer able to serve as webmaster. She recommends Rebecca Bealer, and the senate and President Spieler approved.
- Faculty senate member eligibility clarification: Senator Cefalu would like clarification on eligibility. The constitution states that “eligible faculty are those full-time faculty with academic rank of Instructor or above as defined by the schools, excluding those administrators, deans, department heads, and any others whose functions are primarily administrative.” An “ad hoc” committee (Senators Cefalu and Bishop, and President Spieler) was formed to investigate how each school differentiates faculty in administrative positions from faculty with administrative responsibilities so that clear definitions regarding eligibility can be established.

9. Report from Faculty Representatives: no report

10. Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health - Faculty Assembly reviewing their bylaws; childcare center is almost at full capacity
- Dentistry - campus has recovered after recent flooding; Senator Farrar passed out Faculty Senate pins.
- Graduate Studies - held student orientation; 15 new graduate students
- Medicine - goal to increase morale and plan social events
- Nursing - Family Day is August 26th
- Public Health - classes start next week
- Library - Jennifer Lloyd has been appointed Interim Director of Libraries

11. Adjournment at 4:30 pm.