

Faculty Senate – Minutes December 9, 2003

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's conference room. Members present were: **Allied Health** – Maxine Kimbrell, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard; **Dental School** – Cathy Springstead, Carrie Mason, Jim Cade, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Medicine** – Jeffrey Green, Brian Barkemeyer, Bob Richards; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Nursing** - Susan Rick, Ann Byerly, Laura Tarcza. Ten members were absent. Also present were Chancellor Rock and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Services, Joel Chatelain. Minutes of November 11, 2003 were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Vice Chancellor Joel Chatelain was invited to discuss various concerns of the faculty dealing with parking, re-striping of the parking garage, flooding of dental school parking lot, and difficulty of patients navigating the hump on the walkway from the parking garage to the clinics. Vice Chancellor Chatelain stated that the first 4 floors of the parking garage were re-striped last year, but it is unlikely that the remaining floors will be re-striped this year due to budget concerns. A discussion followed concerning parking at various lots, the impact of the new consortium building on parking, the effect of redistribution of parking of the Medical Center of New Orleans staff and students housed in the new nursing dorm on the Gravier Street garage, and the periodic lack of parking spaces in the Roman Street garage. It was pointed out that there is open parking on the roof of the Roman Street garage. Vice Chancellor Chatelain noted that building a new parking garage would cost about \$10,000 per space. After issuing bonds, building a new garage, etc. it would be necessary to charge \$70-80 a month for faculty and staff. Currently, faculty and staff pay about \$19/month with the LSU system subsidizing the rest of the parking. With regard to periodic over utilization of the parking garage, **Vice Chancellor Chatelain will have those areas monitored to determine whether a problem exists and, if so, provide a possible solution.**

Entrance to and flooding of the faculty dental school parking lot was then addressed. The torturous entry and flooding of the lot has been a problem for the past number of years. Flooding of cars has occurred two times over the past 5 years. A proposed capital outlay process was discussed to remediate these parking lot problems. Since capital outlays are reserved for major projects it is unlikely that such a proposal would be successful. **Vice Chancellor Chatelain will have the parking lot drainage system examined to determine the status of the drainage system and to investigate whether the drains could be changed to increase drainage.**

It has been noted by several faculty that some older patients appear to have some difficulty in negotiating the hump in the walkway from the garage to the clinics. It was pointed out that the elevation of the hump follows the ADA guidelines – 1 inch for every foot of elevation. A new gate is to be installed near the hump to keep unauthorized persons from the buildings after hours. LSUHSC-ID badges will unlock the gate. **Because of concern for patients and the elderly, Vice Chancellor Chatelain will look into the feasibility of constructing a more graded slope of the hump.**

Several faculty felt that signs could be placed in and around the elevators leading to the walkways to better direct patients, faculty, and staff to their destinations within the

HSC. Vice Chancellor Chatelain will see that such signs are installed in the appropriate locations.

Finally, several faculty prompted a discussion concerning A/C in various offices. The temperature in many outer offices is very cold to the point of requiring heaters to bring up them up a comfortable temperature or very warm. Because of the design of the windows (single pane) not much can be done about the temperatures in these offices.

However, Vice Chancellor Chatelain will look into these concerns to see whether anything can be done in modifying office temperatures short of massive renovation of the duct system.

Reports from Faculty Assemblies:

Medical School – A letter of thanks was sent to interim Dean, Dr. O’Leary, for his able leadership during his tenure as Dean. Our new Dean is Dr. Larry Hollier, class of ’72 who will take the position of Dean on January 1, 2004.

Nursing School – no report

Dental School – no report

Allied Health – no report

Library – Cell phone use in library will be restricted as of January 1, 2004 to promote the use of the library as a quiet study environment. The library elevator is working again after the elevator company called in a specialist. Some of the library restrooms are still not working; physical plant is waiting on parts to finish repairs.

Graduate School – no report

Old Business:

- a. New Dean of the School of Medicine is Dr. Larry Hollier
- b. Resolution regarding Administrator evaluations: After some discussion the resolution was tabled until chairperson, Jane Sumner, returned from New Zealand.
- c. Chancellors challenges were reviewed from minutes of last meetings

Committee Reports:

Board of Supervisors report – none, meeting not until 12/11/03

Electronic Communication Committee – Richards reported that the Senate has a web site with template of web page on the server.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – the new School of Public Health will have two representatives on the Senate. The committee will contact Dr. Marier, Acting Dean of the School of Public Health, to appoint two representatives.

There were no reports from the other committees.

Since there has been several delegate changes it was suggested that table nametags be made to identify old and new delegates alike. Ann Byerly volunteered to make them for all the Senate delegates. They should be available at the next meeting.

With no other business and a diversity reception in progress in the Learning Center, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM so delegates could attend.

Submitted,

Don L. Layman, Secretary