

Faculty Senate Minutes - June 15, 2004

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Members present: **Allied Health** – Robert Rowe, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard; **Dentistry** – Cathy Springstead, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – none; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Jeffrey Green, Brian Barkemeyer, Bob Richards, Paula Gregory, Jean Jacob; **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Susan Rick, Jane Sumner. **Members absent** – Carrie Mason, Jim Cade, Jay Hunt, Kurt Varner, Larry Carver, Patricia Beare, Michael Levitzky, Gregory Sloop, Maxine Aig, Claudine Dufrene. **Guests:** Chief Bass, Chancellor Rock

The May minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chief Bass addressed several security issues of the HSC. 1) She reported that a purse snatching and mugging had occurred in front of the MEB and Allied Health buildings during daylight hours. Apparently the perpetrators escape over the Perdido-Poydras street overpass and drop empty wallets and purses below. The NOPD and Campus Police have increased patrols in the area. Early morning and evening appear to present the greatest danger for these types of crimes. The campus police are on increased alert at these times. 2) Earlier this year a stalking incident occurred involving an employee and her boyfriend that resulted in abusive treatment and eventually her death off campus. The campus police had him arrested but they cannot be responsible for behavior off campus. Chief Bass emphasized that the crime rate on campus is very low for the location and size of our center. However, it was felt that there needs to be an increase awareness regarding possible muggings and thefts on campus. 3) Chief Bass had tried to send out e-mails to schools, departments, etc regarding campus safety, but was denied permission to do so. She will make up flyers and post them around campus.

As a result of Chief Bass's presentation, the Facilities Committee of the Senate will investigate the reasons for the inability to e-mail the HSC concerning campus safety. Dr. Rock supports such e-mail notifications.

Reports from Assembly Presidents or their representatives:

Medical School: Bob Richards reported on the mission-based budget evaluation now being discussed by Dean Hollier. Currently, it is being applied to clinical departments. Basic sciences departments are not being considered for the time being. The administration is trying to get a feel on the expenditures and expenses of clinical departments with regard to their teaching and clinical budgets. The goal is to assign money equitability to the major efforts of a department and to quantify the effort dollar.

Nursing: no report

Dental School: The senior dental student was allowed to graduate within a month after the May commencement. Chancellor Rock took the advice of the ad hoc committee appointed by Dean Hovland which was charged to evaluate the student's appeals process. The ad hoc committee was chaired by Dr. Jack Kent. The decision of that committee was to have the student evaluated and receive counseling, if necessary, prior to graduation. According to Dr. Rock the student was evaluated and found to be competent to graduate. The dental school faculty expressed some concern that they were not notified about this

decision. A discussion ensued on the procedure for faculty notification of administrative decisions. The procedure, as stated by the Chancellor, is that the deans are notified of administrative decisions and this information should be circulated by the deans to their respective faculty.

This dental school incident precipitated a discussion regarding future communication between faculty and students. Problems regarding students should be addressed before they escalate into a major crisis. It was suggested that the Faculty Assemblies promote and put in place a procedure for developing faculty-student advisors.

Allied Health: Interim Dean is in place and functioning well. A search is in progress for a new dean. Faculty very upbeat!

Library: no report.

Graduate School: no report

Committee Reports:

Board of Supervisors Report: Deferred until later meeting.

Facilities and Safety Committee: With regard to increases in parking fees and other matters pertaining to draining of parking lots, Joel Chatelain will be invited to the next meeting to clarify these and related issues.

Electronic communications Committee: The Senate webpage is ready for activation and will be online soon.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The committee is to meet to revise the Senate Constitution and Bylaws to include representation for the new School of Public Health.

Nominations Committee: Bob Rowe reported that the proposed officers for next year were: President-elect – Michael Levitzky; Secretary – Don Layman; Representatives to the Board of Supervisors – Jane Sumner, Patricia Beare. There being no nominations from the floor, the slate of candidates were elected unanimously.

Prior to the vote it was noted that Michael Levitzky was 35% administration and 65% faculty. The members of the Senate felt that he could still carry out the functions of the president in an objective and impartial manner. Also, it was noted that in the past the Senate had one representative and an alternate to the BoS. The expenses of one of the representatives is paid by the administration. Since the Senate now has two BoS representatives, the expenses of the other one will be paid from the Senate budget.

Chancellor's report: Chancellor Rock reported on the state of the budget. The Charity Hospital System will receive \$59 million from the state, of which \$31 million will go to New Orleans. This level of funding will enable the LSUHSC to maintain current levels of patient care and residency training. A new state forensic laboratory is being proposed to be built on campus which will include Tulane and Xavier Universities. Negotiations between Tenet and LSUHSC are near completion for the use of the Lindy Boggs Medical Center (Mercy) for the clinical faculty as the university hospital.

Resolution on Administrator evaluation: Dr. Rock preempted the Senate with regard to Vice Chancellor evaluations. He has initiated a yearly evaluation of all Vice Chancellors and presented the Senate with a thick copy of the evaluation. Also, he is encouraging the deans to do the same with their administrators and department heads. He supports and welcomes evaluation as long as enough time is given to assess stated accomplishments. He thought every 3 years would allow enough time for a proper evaluation. If the Senate

decides to get involved with administrator evaluations, it was felt that such evaluations need to be specific and timely.

New Business: President Porter presented President-Elect, Jean Jacob, as the new incoming Senate president beginning July 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Layman, Secretary