

**LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes – October 14, 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, Doris Cather, Robert Rowe, Larry Broussard; **Dentistry** – Cathy Springstead, Johnny Porter, Jim Cade, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Mike Levitzky, Bob Richards, Paula Gregory, Peter Winsauer; **Nursing** – Susan Rick, Jane Sumner, An Byerly, Patricia Beare. Seven members were absent. Guests were: Dr. Moerschbaecher, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Mr. David Troendle, Computer Services.

Minutes of September 9, 2003 were unanimously approved without change.

**Presentation by Mr. David Troendle on protecting our network**

David Troendle of Computer Services briefly spoke on how our antivirus software and primary firewall are no longer adequate to protect us by attacks from the Internet. He then discussed steps that must be taken to avoid disruption to our IT systems – reduce our exposure, increase our immunity, and set up a contingency plan. To reduce our exposure the HSC will enforce: 1) the business-use-only policy, 2) reduce non-business spam, 3) register and qualify network attached computers, 4) set a special protected area for public access services, and 5) exploit several antivirus detection capabilities to detect and block attacks. To increase our immunity to virus attacks, security patches will be automated and old unsupported software will be phased out. A contingency plan will be initiated to quarantine and remove infected computers that get past our defenses. Different concerns were discussed on how these changes will affect faculty on internet system. E-mail concerns were voice about access to e-mail from home and from colleagues outside the system. It is hoped that the changes in the system will result in a more secure system that will be less vulnerable to virus attacks. Changes will be made on how one accesses the system, non-business sites will be blocked, and one should see a reduction in SPAM.

**Old Business**

The Chancellor's survey was released to the Deans of all schools. Although the results appeared to be clouded in mystery, the data collected had to do with where the HSC stands with respect to diversity. Dr. Rock is attuned to diversity at the HSC and he is committed to increasing diversity at all levels. It was suggested that the reason the results of the survey were not widely disseminated had to do with the idea that one does not advertise one's deficiencies until there is an opportunity to correct them.

Discussion ensued about how and to what extent the Senate should become involved with the issue of diversity – race, women, minorities at the HSC. It was decided that the issue of diversity was beyond the scope of the Senate at this time. Since the Administration is promoting diversity, it was decided by the members that we will wait and see where the Administration leads the HSC. The Senate will revisit the issue sometime in the future.

## **Committee Reports**

Board of Supervisors Report: Jane Sumner & Pat Beare: Charity School of Nursing residence hall cost overrun by 100%. Salary pay scales at the HSC are difficult to obtain. No salary information can be obtained unless released by Ronnie Smith's office. Base pay for faculty is shown on the budget, but ancillary pay is not. Reluctance to release salaries for the HSC may be a competitive issue, since we are paid much higher than other campuses?? Schools of Allied Health at NOLA and Shreveport are under study for separation of the two schools. Passed by Board of Supervisors.

Electronic Communications Committee: Johnny Porter: Faculty Senate has its own web page. It is up and running at:

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Jane Sumner: Senate representation for the newly formed School of Public Health was discussed. SPH representation is in process of being examined by the committee and report will be forth coming at a later meeting.

## **New Business**

Mandatory student evaluation of courses. Not mandatory in School of Medicine. Mandatory in School of Dentistry.

Dean search: Narrowed down to three candidates – names will be sent to Dr. Rock for his decision.

As it was approaching 5:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Don L. Layman, Secretary