

Faculty Senate Minutes – April 12, 2005

President Jacob called the Senate meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Chancellor's conference room.

Members present: **Allied Health** – Larry Broussard; **Dental School** – Cathy Springstead, Carrie Mason, Don layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner, Jay Hunt; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Jeffrey Green, Michael Levitzky, Paula Gregory, Thomas Wolf, Greg Bagby; **Nursing** – Susan Rick, Ann Byerly, Patricia Beare, Charlene Coco; **Public Health** – Catherine Correa, Thomas Houston.

The March minutes were approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

Review of SACS accreditation: Dr Levitzky reported that compared to the last SACS visit the Health Sciences Center came away this time with a good report card. The HSC was in compliance with most items dealing with accreditation by the SACS committee. Five recommendations were proposed for the HSC to meet the requirements of accreditation. Three recommendations dealt with the separation of the HSC in New Orleans with that of Shreveport. Shreveport must apply as an independent institution for accreditation. An official separation of the New Orleans and Shreveport campuses require legislative approval. The other two recommendations dealt directly with the HSC-NO. 1) The HSC needs to submit a financial statement and 2) teaching faculty are required to hold the highest degree available for the subject taught. The faculty of Dental Hygiene, Nursing, and Allied Health could possibly be affected by the second recommendation.

Reorganization of the HSC administration:

An outside consultant, hired by the Chancellor, has evaluated the administrative structure of the LSUHSC-NO. The Senate reviewed and discussed the administration's proposed changes. Currently, there are five Vice Chancellors which, under the new plan, will be reduced to four.

The proposed changes:

1. The VC for Institutional Services will be eliminated and its administrative functions will be absorbed by the VC of Academic Affairs (Capital Outlay Budget and Planning and Construction) and the VC of Administration and Finance (Environmental Health and Safety, Parking, and Physical Plant and Transportation).
2. The functions of the VC for Clinical Affairs and the VC for Administrative, Community, and Security Affairs will remain unchanged.
3. The VC of Academic Affairs will add an Assistant or an Associate Vice Chancellor of Research.
4. Core laboratories will separated from Auxiliary Enterprises and put under the Dean of the Medical School.
5. Residence Halls will be added to the responsibilities of Sonny Neville, Head of Auxiliary Enterprises.
6. Dr. Smith Burke will become Vice Chancellor over hospitals

Faculty Club Report:

Ann Byerly investigated various plans for the operation of the Faculty Club. She checked into the operation of Tulane's Faculty Club. Tulane has an independent restaurant that is only for its faculty. It is not open to the public. Several members questioned how involved the Senate should be in the operation of the Faculty Club and whether it will be successful. Sedexo is willing to provide \$700,000 for renovations on the 12th, 13th, and 14th floors of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial Hall. Many questions remain how and when the Faculty Club will operate and open. Senators were asked to send their questions about the Faculty Club to President Jacob.

New Business:**Electronic Committee:**

The chairman of the Electronic Committee is Jennifer Lloyd. Some of its IT support is outdated and not seamless. It was, also, reported by several members that some internet sites necessary for them to carry out their functions as faculty have been blocked by Computer Services. It is not known if these websites have been blocked to reduce pop-ups and spam. It was determined that individual Faculty Assemblies should notify Patricia Owens of the IT administration to unblock certain sites for the faculty who require them.

Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee:

The committee needs to elect a new chairman because Andy Pellet has stepped down as chairman.

Election Committee:

The Election Committee needs to meet and recommend a slate of candidates for the positions of President-elect and Secretary. Kurt Varner, chairman, will solicit nominations from the committee via e-mail and present slate at the May meeting.

Security Breach:

Concern was raised about unknown persons putting pamphlets under the windshield wipers of autos in the parking garage without Security being aware of such distribution. Irrespective of the pamphlet's content, it was felt that this represented a breach in security since anyone that went undetected could do far worse than planting pamphlets on windshields. Captain Bass will be alerted to this breach in security. It was recommended that more routine patrols need to be done throughout the parking garages.

Library:

Jennifer Lloyd announced that the library is sponsoring library systems classes for the LSUHSC-NO. For further information on times and classes check out the library website.

Respectively submitted,

Don Layman, Secretary