

Faculty Senate Minutes – March 8, 2005

President Jean Jacob called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. in the Rosenthal Library in the Lions Eye Center.

Members present: **Allied Health** – Larry Broussard, Doris Cather, David Pariser; **Dental School** – James Cade, Johnny Porter; **Graduate School** – Jay Hunt, Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Greg Bagby, Jeffrey Green, Robert Richards, Thomas Wolf; **Nursing** – Patricia Beare, Ann Byerly, Jane Sumner, member-at-large; **Public Health** – Cathy Correa, Tom Houston.

The February minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

University Faculty Club – Those members who toured the facility after the last meeting reported on their observations. The two biggest problems noted are that those floors reserved for the faculty club have low ceilings and are small. The contract with Sodexo has been signed. Drawings have been submitted for bids to two construction companies for the renovation. Currently only about half the money needed is available. The total cost will be approximately \$1.2 million. Faculty will have representation on the board of the club. Sodexo and the administration are working to make it economical.

New Business:

Professional Rights Committee – A consultant has been hired to evaluate the hierarchical structure of the university. A comparison will be made with other southern universities of similar size. The report should be out soon.

Board of Supervisors Report – Plans were presented at the meeting for Earl K. Long's future. Plans for Charity were also supposed to be presented but time ran out. But the EKL model will probably be similar to the one for New Orleans. The total cost for a new hospital and outlying clinics will be \$275 million. This amount does not cover the land or consultants. By 2010, the facility should be running and occupied. By 2013, all phases should be fully implemented. \$63 million will come from the state. The hospital will be smaller with 135 beds (plus 20 for clinical trials) instead of the current 175.

Additionally:

\$195K was approved to improve the Roman Street garage.

\$150K was approved to renovate the 5th floor of the Lions building for a learning center.

\$1.5 million was approved to improve the exhaust system in the Clinical Sciences Research Building.

A joint project was approved to fund an institute on chronic illness in children. The collaborators will be LSUHSC-NO, Children's Hospital, and UNO.

Health insurance premiums will increase by 20% in July.

The tuition waiver issue has not been decided upon. Three letters were received from various chancellors; none were negative.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer K. Lloyd, Acting Secretary for Don Layman