

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 2006**

President Beare called the meeting to order 3:43 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Resource Center building on Tuesday, December 13, 2006.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – Larry Broussard;  
**Dentistry** – Dennis Paul, Johnny Porter;  
**Graduate School** – Angela Amedee;  
**Library** – Jennifer Lloyd;  
**Medicine** – Greg Bagby, Dan Kapusta, Pamela Lucchesi;  
**Nursing** – Pat Beare, Ann Byerly, Christine Langer, Susan Rick; and  
**Public Health** – Chih-Yang Hu, Neal Simonsen.

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Kevin Lord, Scott Rubin, Sarintha Stricklin, Jo Thompson;  
**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier, Carrie Mason, Alan Ripps;  
**Graduate Studies** – Andy Catling;  
**Medicine** – Robin English, Paula Gregory, Robert Richards, Lolie Yu;  
**Nursing** – Sally Ruel;  
**Public Health** – Sarah Moody-Thomas, Ed Peters, Julia Volaufova; and  
**Ex-Officio** – Mike Levitzky.

*Agenda Item 1:* Approval of November minutes.  
The minutes were approved unanimously.

*Agenda Item 2a:* Old Business – Student Security Clearances  
No response from administration; letter mailed to them November 14<sup>th</sup>. Item will stay on the agenda.

*Agenda Item 2b:* Old Business – Patient Access  
The head of parking, Antonio Casio was invited to the December meeting along with Vice Chancellor Ronnie Smith, but they were unable to attend. Associate Vice Chancellor John Ball did inform President Beare that the parking garage elevators should be functional in mid to late January. Larry Broussard asked if the only issue was whether or not the elevators were fixed. Would patients be able to park in the garage again? The matter will stay on the agenda until resolved.

*Agenda Item 2c:* Old Business – Faculty Senate budget question  
The faculty senate does not have a budget. When money has been needed, it was requested of administration. Should we request an annual budget? What does LSU-BR do? Greg Bagby, Pat Beare, and Johnny Porter will investigate this matter.

*Agenda Item 2d:* Old Business – Recognition of University Police  
Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner will be very happy to work with the Senate on a recognition ceremony. He will get a list of officers to President Beare sometime after the first of the year. An anonymous donation of \$250 has been offered to the Senate to host a luncheon or other event for the officers. The Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee will be in charge of planning the event.

*Agenda Item 2e:* Old Business – Svec from October agenda  
Dr. Frank Svec has withdrawn his request to speak to the Senate.

*Agenda Item 2f: Other Old Business*

The follow up to the Faculty Senate involvement in the Search Committee for a new Nursing Dean was left off of the agenda. After conferring with Mike Levitzky, it was determined that there is no SACS requirement for Faculty Senate members to be included on search committees. It was felt that from the tone of the letter from the Chancellor that the Nursing Dean search committee is closed, but that perhaps senators may be included on future administrative search committees.

*Agenda Item 3a: New Business*

Previously, the executive board of the senate has had monthly meetings with the chancellor; the entire senate agreed that it would be beneficial to reinstate this practice. Bagby said that it would further facilitate communication between the administration and the faculty; further that the chancellor would be able to charge the senate with tasks. The inclusion of the senate on search committees could be addressed at one of these meetings.

Johnny Porter brought up the issue of Force Majeur. While recruiting new faculty, if asked what do we say about it ending? Beare responded that Chancellor Hollier brought up this point to the Board of Supervisors. He stated that Force Majeur needs to be lifted at LSUHSC because it is affecting the university's image and its ability to recruit. If the issue is not addressed at the town hall meeting, schedule for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, than Porter will ask about it during the question/answer session.

Beare stated that the LSU-Baton Rouge faculty senate was looking for support from the various faculty senates in the state for their Financial Exigency plan. This plan was forwarded to all senators in October. This matter was discussed briefly at the October meeting. Questions included why did the LSU-BR senate want our support? And why bother, when our financial exigency plan was abandoned post-K? Jennifer Lloyd suggested that she could re-send the proposal and call for an email vote of support.

*Agenda Item 4a: Faculty Senate Committee Reports*

**Clinical Education, Service and Patient Care** – no report

**Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations and Elections** – updates to bylaws are in progress and the changes will be posted to the webpage soon.

**Electronic Communications** – webpage is being updated on a regular basis

**Facilities, Safety, and Security** – see agenda item 2b

**Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – no report

**Research** – In initial discussions the Committee identified the following potential impediments to scholarly activity by the faculty.

- A. Too much focus by administrative units on funding as evidence of scholarly activity.
- B. A lack of understanding by administrative units and members of the faculty on what constitutes scholarly activity. The HSC should promote the publishing and presentation of scholarly activity by its faculty in the area of discovery (original basic, transitional and clinical research), integration (review articles to text books), and application (effectiveness in teaching and clinical practice).
- C. A lack of support and encouragement by administrative units and the faculty for pursuit of scholarly activity by faculty.
- D. Lack of background and training to perform scholarly activity, especially by faculty with healthcare professional degrees.
- E. Lack of time, perceived lack of time.
- F. Perception that if it doesn't have an obvious financial reward, it is not worth the time.

*Agenda Item 4b: Assembly Reports*

**Allied Health** – no report

**Dentistry** – no report

**Graduate Studies** – no report

**Library** – The Library was asked to further extended it's already longer exam hours. The Isché Library will be open until midnight each night until the end of the semester. Lloyd asked that all faculty inform their students about this change. Ann Byerly suggested a letter from the Senate to thank the library for their efforts.

**Medicine** – no report

**Nursing** – no report

**Public Health** – no report

*Agenda Item 4c: Other Reports*

**Board of Supervisors, Faculty Advisory Committee** – Beare reported that the item of most interest to the health sciences center was the preliminary proposal for the new hospital. The initial proposal (which was a presentation only with no handouts) is that the hospital would cost between \$900-950 million. It would be a 427 bed facility. The need for a hospital this size was based on pre-Katrina data.

Also, the university benefits committee is looking at faculty benefits. The staff advisory committee has done service projects at various schools. Perhaps this is something our Faculty Senate could look into in the future; this item was referred to the Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare committee for further investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Submitted by  
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