

Faculty Senate Minutes
June 2007

President Beare called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. in the ENT conference room on the 5th floor of the Clinical Sciences Research Building on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Everyone was reminded that Greg Bagby, president-elect, takes over the Faculty Senate following the conclusion of this meeting. The next meeting will be in August.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Kevin Lord, Jo Thompson;
Dentistry – Dennis Paul, Johnny Porter;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee, Andy Catling;
Library – Hanna Kwasik, Jennifer Lloyd;
Medicine – Pamela Lucchesi;
Nursing – Pat Beare, Ann Byerly, Christine Langer, Susan Rick; and
Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Ed Peters, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig, Scott Rubin;
Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Carrie Mason;
Medicine – Greg Bagby, Robin English, Paula Gregory, Dan Kapusta, Robert Richards, Lolie Yu;
Nursing – Sally Ruel;
Public Health – Sarah Moody-Thomas; and
Ex-Officio – Mike Levitzky.

Agenda Item 1: Guest Speaker – Gloria Giarratano, AAUP

Gloria Giarratano, outgoing president of the LSUHSC AAUP local chapter, attended the National meeting of the AAUP in Washington, DC. She wanted to make sure that everyone understood that AAUP censure is on administration not on faculty. The final report regarding the censure of New Orleans universities following Hurricane Katrina was issued at the meeting. There was discussion before the censure vote and furloughed faculty from Tulane, Loyola and UNO were at the meeting. There were no furloughed faculty from either Southern or LSUHSC in attendance. LSUHSC was not censured; the vote was tabled until next year because progress is being made by the administration. The AAUP will continue to observe and monitor any future complaints. Pat Beare asked what the LSU system response was. The answer was that the issue is now closed. However, the official notification form the AAUP is more in line with a mistrial rather than a verdict of not guilty.

The Professional Rights committee was charged with following up on this matter.

Agenda Item 2: May Minutes

The May minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3a: Old Business – Student Security Clearances

There has been no further information on this issue.

Agenda Item 3b: Old Business – Patient Access to the Allied Health/Nursing Building

Dr. Moerschbaeher sent word through Kevin Lord that the short-term response will be the re-opening of the 1st floor to the Allied Health/Nursing Building which has been approved by the state fire marshal. Dean Cairo plans to hire student workers to escort patients to their clinics. Additionally, patients will be

allowed to park in the T lot directly across the street from the entrance to the building. In the long-term, hiring a new parking garage attendant has been problematic; an automated system is being investigated. It will use tokens or cash. There are no dates set for purchase or installation. This action was the result of result of a Senate Resolution sent to Chancellor Hollier on June 7th; the text of which follows:

Whereas: Faculty in the School of Allied Health are encouraged to see patients/clients in their facilities in the Allied Health/Nursing building as part of their responsibilities.

Whereas: Alternative facilities have not been identified.

Whereas: The faculty of the School of Allied Health should be encouraged and allowed to contribute to the service mission of the School and the HSC as faculty in any other School.

Whereas: Their patients/clients require “easy access” to the Allied Health/Nursing building for health reasons as well as for convenience of service.

Whereas: There is excess parking on floors above the first floor.

The Senate resolves:

That patients/clients be allowed access to the first floor of the parking garage during day time hours.

That faculty/staff parking not be allowed on the first floor.

Agenda Item 3c: Old Business – Ombudsman proposal

There is no further information on this proposal.

Agenda Item 3d: Old Business – Other

There was no other old business.

Agenda Item 4a: New Business – Elections

By acclamation the following officers were elected:

President-Elect Pam Lucchesi

Secretary Julia Volaufova

Board of Supervisors Representatives Kelly Alig & Dennis Paul

Agenda Item 4b: New Business – Other

There was no other new business.

Agenda Item 5a: Reports – Faculty Senate Committees

Clinical Education, Service, and Patient Care – No report.

Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – No report.

Electronic Communications – Jennifer Lloyd recommended that this committee be dissolved and offered to remain an ex-officio member of the senate in the short term and to continue updating the Senate’s webpage.

Facilities, Safety, and Security – No report.

Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – No report.

Research – No report.

Agenda Item 5b: Reports – Assemblies

Allied Health – No report.

Dentistry – Dentistry is scheduled to return to New Orleans in mid-August or early September.

Graduate Studies – No report.

Library – Jennifer Lloyd introduced the new senator from the Library, Hanna Kwasik.

Medicine – No report.

Nursing – No report.

Public Health – No report.

Agenda Item 5c: Reports – Board of Supervisors Faculty Advisory Committee (BoS/FAC)

A leadership initiative was passed at the meeting to identify potential leaders on each campus. HRM is exploring changing leave policies system wide; this would only affect new hires.

A resolution was passed to thank the outgoing officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by
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