

**Faculty Senate Minutes
May 2008**

President Bagby called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig, Jo Thompson;
Dentistry –Dennis Paul;
Graduate School –Jeffrey Hobden (proxy for Angela Amedee), Andrew Catling;
Library – Jennifer Lloyd (proxy for Hanna Kwasik);
Medicine –Gregory Bagby, Ann Tilton;
Nursing –Ann Byerly, Christine Langer;
Public Health –Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;
Ex Officio – Michael Levitzky, Jennifer Lloyd.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan (excused), Kevin Lord, Scott Rubin (excused);
Dentistry – Thomas Lallier, Thomas Spranley (excused);
Library – Hanna Kwasik (excused, proxy);
Medicine – Robin English, Julio Figueroa (excused), Tonya Jagneaux (excused), Daniel Kapusta, Lolie Yu;
Nursing – Marjorie Kraus, Susan Rick;
Public Health – Sarah Moody-Thomas (excused), Ed Peters (excused).

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with a minor change in order of items.

Agenda item 1. President Bagby briefly introduced the two proxies for absent Senators.

Agenda item 2. The April minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda item 3. President's report included

- a) Discussion about the increased security on the LSUHSC premises. The access off hours to all buildings is controlled by card entry.
- b) The two Senate resolutions, 08-02 on Student conduct and 08-03 on student security clearance, which were accepted at the April meeting, have been submitted to the Chancellor's office. President Bagby will follow up on both and report at the June meeting about actions taken.
- c) The Strategic Plan Initiative committee was established on the HSC level but no activity was reported. The School of Medicine initialized its own strategic planning initiative and progress and the faculty is being involved.

Agenda Item 4. Old business:

- a) Financial exigency and force majeure – the Faculty welfare committee is inactive at present; The issue remains very important.
Action: President Bagby will address the issue of financial exigency and force majeure in the President’s Report at the June meeting.
- b) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – No report
- c) Ombudsman proposal – No action
- d) Standing and Ad hoc committees of the HSC – Senator Simonsen, the head of the Constitution, Bylaws, etc. Committee presented a report. The committee recommends amending the Bylaws and Constitution to establish a new standing committee with the tentative name Committee Coordinating Committee.

Action: Senator Simonsen will send out the draft of proposed changes to Senators and Presidents of the Faculty Assemblies. Further discussion and action on accepting the changes will take place at the June Senate meeting.

In the meantime, since there is immediate need of Senate input in identifying faculty who may serve on standing committees at the Center level; either the Executive committee may fill in the gap or an ad hoc committee can be established. In the discussion it was identified that more information is needed on existing committees, such as which committees are purely administrative and which more faculty oriented. Information on activity and workload handled by each committee should be known in order to make an educated recommendation regarding potential Senate-nominated members.

Agenda item 5. New business

- a) Nomination of Officers – Senator Simonsen reported that nominations for president-elect and senator have been secured. Julia Volaufova is standing for re-election for Senate secretary and Scott Rubin accepted the nomination for president-elect. No further nominees were added from the floor.
Action: Senator Volaufova will send out an e-mail soliciting any additional nominations for the two offices. Senators wishing to make a nomination will need to send their nominations to Neal Simonsen within a one week time window after the call for additional nominees is sent out. All nominees will be identified prior to the June meeting by email to Senators. The election will take place at the June meeting.
- b) House Bill 179 summary – Senator Paul reported from the Faculty Advisory Committee meeting: HB 179 deals with consolidating the paid leave of classified and academic employees. The suggestion is to cap the accumulated paid leave and combine the present sick and annual leave into one. In his e-mail update, Kevin Cope, the president of the FAC, revealed

that LSU withdrew its support and followed on a decision by Representative Stephen Carter to withdraw the legislation, at least for this legislative session. The Senate has paid and will continue to pay close attention to this issue. In the discussion, Senators Levitzky, Bagby, Paul, Byerly, Langer, Lloyd, Thompson, and others participated.

c) Other :

- i. Senator Thompson questioned the fate of the HSC yearbook; nobody was identified to be the replacement for the previous faculty advisor for creating the yearbook. The discussants on this issue were Senators Lloyd, Catling, Levitzky, Bagby, Simonsen, Thompson, Hobden, and others.

Action: An informative e-mail will be sent to student bodies that no yearbook is in progress for this academic year.

- ii. Senator Byerly reported that 12 Albert Schweitzer fellows were named in New Orleans, six of them from LSUHSC. Among the six, three are from the School of Medicine and three from the School of Public Health.

There was no additional new business.

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty advisory committee representatives: Senator Paul reported about the initiative to offer alternative language to PM35. PM35 covers annual faculty review and ties it with the process of automatic dismissal of the faculty in case he/she gets two consecutive negative annual evaluations and no remediation process is in place. The effort is to separate the issue of yearly evaluation and faculty dismissal.
- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – Senator Thompson reported that on June 7, 2008, a Family day at the School will take place.
 - ii. Dentistry – no report
 - iii. Graduate School – Senator Catling reported about Research Day, which took place on May 18, 2008. The quality of presentations and science was impressively high.
 - iv. Library – Senator Lloyd reported that construction in the library will start soon, resulting in a University Commons on the third floor.
 - v. Medicine – no report
 - vi. Nursing – Senator Langer reported that election took place and effective July 1, 5 new Senators will join the Senate from the School of Nursing.
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm

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