

**Faculty Senate Minutes
October 2007**

President Bagby called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on the 8th floor of the Resource Building on Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Larry Broussard (replacement for Erin Dugan), Theresa Nicholls (replacement for Scott Rubin), Kelly Alig, Kevin Lord, Jo Thompson;
Dentistry – Dennis Paul;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;
Library – Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Robin English, Gregory Bagby, Julio Figueroa, Tonya Jagneaux, Daniel Kapusta;
Nursing –Patricia Beare, Ann Byerly, Marjorie Kraus, Christine Langer, Susan Rick;
Public Health – Sarah-Moody Thomas, Edward Peters, Chih-Yang Hu, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova; and
Ex Officio –Michael Levitzky.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan (by proxy), Scott Rubin (by proxy);
Dentistry – Thomas Lallier (excused);
Medicine – Pamela Lucchesi, Ann Tilton (excused), Lolie Yu;
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

Agenda item 1. Dr. Bagby welcomed the guests, Chancellor Hollier and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Moerschbaeher.

Agenda Item 2. The September minutes were approved

Agenda item 3. Chancellor Hollier gave a brief report on the most recently developed issues:

1. Dr. John V. Lombardi was appointed the new LSU System President at the July meeting of Board of Supervisors. Chancellor Hollier shared his impression with the Senate of Dr. Lombardi that he got mainly from two recent encounters:
 - a. from the meeting with Bobby Jindal, gubernatorial candidate in Louisiana, at which Dr. Lombardi successfully argued in favor of the University hospital, comparing its impact on the State and community to the impact of higher education;
 - b. at the BR Chamber of Commerce, where Dr. Lombardi convincingly argued against a Blue Print of Louisiana, presenting facts about the negative impact it would have on health care in the state. As a result, the BR Chamber of Commerce voted 11 to 1 against the Blue Print.
2. Dr. Frederick P. Cerise was appointed by the LSU System to be Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education. Chancellor Hollier shared his opinion that the expertise and experience of Dr. Cerise will have a positive impact on health care and medical education important to the HSC.
3. Lastly, Chancellor Hollier reiterated the announcement appointing Dr. Steve Nelson Dean of the School of Medicine.

After Chancellor Hollier's report the floor was opened for questions.

Ed Peters: Is there any update on development of the Cancer Center and LCRC?

Chancellor Hollier: LCRC is negotiating with LSU about the acquisition of land. The funding is available but there is less money than planned due to changes in decisions.

Larry Broussard: After the storm, the departments were asked to submit lists of lost items due to the storm. Is there any development in regard to that?

Chancellor Hollier: The purpose of the lists was to get reimbursement from FEMA. The process is long.

Dr. Moerschbaecher: Mr. Ronnie Smith, who will be the guest at the next Senate meeting, will be able to provide more insight regarding this issue.

Security related to the opening of St Joseph's Rebuild Center: The security due to establishing the Rebuild center is a serious issue. Participants in discussion on this topic were: Dan Kapusta, Kelly Alig, Dennis Paul, Ann Byerly, Theresa Nicholls, Marjorie Kraus, and Jo Thompson. On the negative side, since the facility serves the homeless, it sometimes puts these people in uncomfortably close interaction with HSC personnel and campus visitors including patients and clients. On the positive, these people have healthcare needs that can be served by elements of the HSC. As pointed out by Dr. Moerschbaecher, the administration was not informed or asked for input about the decision to establish the structure in the proximity of LSUHSC campus buildings. To accentuate the positive, some proposed that emphasizing the development a partnership or a "good neighbor" relationship between the Rebuild Center and LSUHSC would be a good way to minimize problems and bring about a "win-win" scenario .

Julio Figueroa: Is there a plan to revisit the issue of supplemental and base salary? The current policy is a disincentive for clinical faculty participation in research.

Chancellor Hollier: The item is not on the top of the agenda. Explanation of the situation – Over 50% of clinical faculty salaries is received as a supplement based on clinical service. There is a concern that if the money were moved to base salary, there would not be enough money for retirement for affected faculty. Whereas the problem impacts faculty of the HSC, it needs to be addressed at the LSU System.

Dennis Paul: What are the plans for changing the infrastructure of research core facilities such as animal care, etc.? Is there a plan to consolidate core labs?

Dr. Moerschbaecher: Various research services, such as the library, are fully functional. 33% of animal care space is operational. Animal Care on the downtown campus will be expanded to pre-storm size by building an addition to the CSR. There are also plans to re-establish an animal care facility on the School of Dentistry campus. There is no plan at present to consolidate core labs as it was constituted under Auxiliary Enterprises, but elements of the Core Labs are operational and have been upgraded to better support faculty research.

Andrew Catling: Is there any inclination to initiate a child care facility at LSUHSC?

Dr. Moerschbaecher: A child care facility remains in the plans, but Vice Chancellor Smith needs to be consulted on specifics.

Greg Bagby: The main roadblock is that the planned location in Stanislaus Hall included space in the basement and first floor which are still restricted because of ongoing discussions with FEMA.

Marjorie Kraus: What is the development with 1542 Tulane Avenue building?

Chancellor Hollier: Renovation of part of the building are expected to be completed by January. The clinical faculty will be located there. The back of the building will not be repaired.

Ed Peters: The new hospital, which is going to be built in downtown New Orleans, is portrayed in the media as LSU hospital. To what extent and in what way is Tulane University involved with this?

Chancellor Hollier: Tulane University has been involved from the beginning. Before the storm, LSU personnel handled approximately 2/3 and Tulane 1/3 of the patient load. At the VA the split was 75% Tulane and 25% LSU. The proportions will remain the same in the new hospitals. Tulane, LSU, Health Care Services are all involved in development of the new hospital. However, Tulane is financially not participating in development.

Greg Bagby: One of the main issues following force majeure was the report by AAUP after they conducted a thorough investigation in the entire region. Is there any way in which the Senate could help for the future to develop policies for handling a similar disaster?

Chancellor Hollier: It is hard to imagine a more objective way of decision-making than what was done, since the money, the source of income was gone. In the process, the Deans of all schools were involved. Certainly input from Senate would be considered on this issue.

Theresa Nicholls: When will the first floor of garage open to patients?

Dr. Moerschbaecher: We are close to opening the garage. The equipment is being installed so that tokens can be purchased. Departments will be able to distribute tokens to patients. The T lot is available for guests and patients parking.

Andrew Catling: Why cannot LSU physicians advertise prostate cancer screening at LSU games?

Chancellor Hollier: Ochsner clinic and the Tiger Athletic Foundation have a contract that provides Ochsner with exclusive access and hence LSU cannot do such promotions.

The guests, Chancellor Hollier and Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher, left the meeting at 4:20pm

Agenda item 4. President's report included:

- a. CM-31 (The Relationship of Centers of Excellence to Departments, Schools, and Units of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center) – The purpose of the revision is to clarify the responsibilities of Department Heads and Center Directors with regard to appointing and promoting faculty. The Executive Committee revised the document. Dr. Bagby submitted the recommendations of the Senate Executive Committee to Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher.
- b. CM-51 (Policy on Weather Related Emergency Procedures for LSUHSC-New Orleans) – Dr. Bagby discussed the issue of “vague language” in CM-51 with the Vice Chancellor in general terms.

Action item: The Executive Committee will meet with the Emergency Response Planning Committee (chair Dean Cairo) in order to get an explanation on the present wording and discuss possibilities for changing it.

- c. AAUP – On September 14th, Dr. Bagby received a letter from Jordan Kurland, Associate General Secretary of the AAUP. It stated that “Over the next few weeks, our staff will be working with the LSUHSC administration...regarding cases of furlough that are still unresolved and, now that the “force majeure” policy is no longer applicable, desired additions or modifications in the existing policy on financial exigency.” Dr. Moerschbaecher gave Dr. Bagby a copy of a

letter he sent to Dr. Kurland regarding this issue. He provided an update on the number of faculty who remain on furlough. He also provided pages from the Faculty Handbook which addresses issues surrounding the separation of faculty from the university and the web site address to the entire Faculty Handbook. Finally, the most recent electronic AAUP Newsletter focuses on the issue providing access to the report we received. The message was distributed to all Senators because the cover statement by Cary Nelson, AAUP President, makes some rather strong statements.

- d. Dr. Bagby will attend the next faculty assembly meetings at School of Dentistry and at School of Public Health.

Agenda item 5. Old business

All old business items are postponed for the next Senate meeting.

The issue of supplemental vs. base salary will remain in the Clinical Education Committee (chair Julio Figueroa).

Agenda item 6. New business.

- a. Inconsistencies in Constitution and Bylaws – the Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Election Committee will start dealing with these (chair Neal Simonsen)
- b. The proxy form was copied from Appendix A of the Constitution and Bylaws of Faculty Senate (available on the web site) and distributed to all Senators. They may start using it in case they cannot attend a Senate meeting.

Other new business – there was no other new business.

Agenda item 7. Reports

- a) *Faculty Senate committees* – no reports.
- b) *Assemblies*
 - a. Allied Health – The Faculty Assembly discussed the issue of establishing the position of ombudsman and Tabled it.
 - b. Dentistry – the Faculty Assembly meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2007.
 - c. Graduate School – the Faculty Assembly meeting is scheduled for the next week in October.
 - d. Library – The library has now extended hours of operation.
 - e. Medicine – The Faculty Assembly discussed the issue of establishing the position of ombudsman and voted to Table it
 - f. Nursing – they are working on bylaws and will conduct elections for empty Senate seats.
 - g. Public Health – as it was reported before, the Faculty Assembly voted for establishing the position of ombudsman.

- c) *Faculty Advisory Committee Representatives* – Kelly Alig reported from the Council of Faculty Advisors meeting; the issues included establishing Dr. Lombardi as president of the LSU System and Dr. Cerise as Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education.

Dr. Bagby reported that on Thursday, October 11, there will be a BoR public meeting, a focus group on research and commercialization of academic institutions. It is desirable that a senate representative attend the meeting, Dr. Bagby will attend in place of Dr. Kapusta.

Since the next Senate meeting's guest will be Mr. Ronnie Smith, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, the Senators are asked to send in advance questions to Dr. Bagby via e-mail who will be present them to Mr. Smith in advance.

There was no more new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

Submitted by
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