

**Faculty Senate Minutes
April 2009**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Theresa Nicholls (proxy for Kelly Alig), Erin Dugan, Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;
Dentistry –Catherine Badell, Marco Brindis, Dennis Paul;
Graduate School –Judith Venuti (proxy for Angela Amedee), Andrew Catling;
Library –Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Gregory Bagby;
Nursing –Leanne Fowler;
Public Health –Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig (proxy);
Dentistry –Diedra Foret;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee (proxy);
Medicine – Sean Collins (excused), Tonya Jagneaux, Daniel Kapusta, Michael Levitzky (excused), Kevin Reed, Erich Richter (excused), Ann Tilton (excused);
Nursing – Marjorie Kraus, Cynthia Langford, Randy Rosamond (excused), Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods;
Public Health – Richard Scribner.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with minor changes.

Agenda item 1. The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

President Paul welcomed the present faculty members Theresa Nicholls and Judith Venuti, serving as proxy for absent senators. He also excused Chancellor Hollier who could not attend the meeting as planned.

Agenda item 2. President's report

- On April 6, President Paul and President-elect Rubin met with Dr. Moerschbaeher and discussed the following issues;
 - Representation of the Faculty Senate on the LSUHSC Research Council: Dr. Moerschbaeher had already discussed this with Dr. Bazan, the Chair of the Council. Everyone is in agreement and support the idea of Senate representation on the Council.

- Dr. Moerschbaeher obtained a copy of the Senate Resolution sent to Gov. Jindal requesting the withdrawal of budget cuts to the Health Sciences Center: He was informed that it had been sent to the Governor and all state legislators.
- Resolution requesting a Website Advisory Committee for the HSC: Dr. Moerschbaeher agreed that this would be a good idea and said that we should forward the resolution to Dr. Hollier.
- Dr. Moerschbaeher was also informed about activities of the Council of Faculty Advisors, particularly, that they request funding of equipment for intercampus video conferencing for seminars and meetings. They are also working on a resolution calling for consultation with the Faculty Senate when significant reorganization is to be undertaken within a University.
- Security in the Allied Health Building: With regards to our request for “Firearm free zone” signs, Dr. Moerschbaeher informed us that there is an effort to have a uniform sign design for the LSUHSC, and that no new signs will be posted until the new design is settled. With regards to medical students occupying rooms at night and not cleaning up after themselves: Dr. Moerschbaeher suggested that this should be discussed with the Deans of each school and that they should deal with their students.
- Dr. Moerschbaeher requested that the senators from each school assemble memorabilia related to their programs to be displayed in the display cases in the newly renovated library. For example, the Pharmacology Department has loaned their collection of antique pharmaceutical bottles and a 100 yr old analytical balance.

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

See president’s report.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business

- a) Since the Senate election is held at the June meeting, the Constitution, Bylaws, Nominations, and Elections Committee will start preparations for June elections.
- b) The Committee Coordinating Committee will have its first meeting in order to prepare strategy for faculty nominations for LSUHSC standing committees as well as for the Website Advisors Committee, which is expected to be established.

There was no other new business.

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty Senate committees –

- i. Clinical Education, Services, and Patient Care – no report;
- ii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – will prepare for Senate elections;
- iii. Electronic communications – Senator Lloyd reported that she reformatted the Senate web site; the IT at LSUHSC level blocked Facebook on the campus;
- iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – see President’s report, no additional report;
- v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
- vi. Research – no new report.

b) Assemblies:

- i. Allied Health – Senators Hebert reported that a decision to prepare a yearbook this year has been made at the LSUHSC. Senator Hebert also brought up the issue of students’ course and instructor evaluation. In cases when the faculty member teaches several courses, or several faculty members lecture in the same course, the students have to fill in the evaluation forms, which seems to be redundant; Senator Hebert also raised a question about mentoring programs for junior faculty.

Action: Senators will investigate and report at the next Senate meeting about the situation and existence (or nonexistence) of a mentoring program at each School

- ii. Dentistry – no report;
- iii. Graduate School – the Research Day will be at the end of October;
- iv. Library – no report;
- v. Medicine – no report;
- vi. Nursing – Senator Fowler reported that the question of course coordination regarding increased workload and responsibility was discussed at the Nursing School Assembly meeting;
- vii. Public Health – Senator Simonsen reported that the revision of the Strategic plan is in process; he also reported about the success of SPH students: four of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship students for this year are from SPH.

c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives
See President’s report.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

Submitted by
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