

**Faculty Senate Minutes
January 2009**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Kelly Alig, Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;
Dentistry –Dennis Paul;
Graduate School –Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;
Library – Jennifer Lloyd (proxy for Hanna Kwasik);
Medicine –Gregory Bagby, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Michael Levitzky;
Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Joanne Hebert, Randy Rosamond;
Public Health –Richard Scribner, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan (excused);
Dentistry –Diedra Foret, Tobias Rodriguez, Catherine Badell, Marco Brindis (excused);
Library – Hanna Kwasik (proxy);
Medicine – Sean Collins (excused), Tonya Jagneaux (excused), Daniel Kapusta, Kevin Reed;
Nursing – Cynthia Longford (excused), Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods (excused);
Public Health – Ed Peters.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

Agenda item 1. The December minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Agenda item 2. President's report

- President Paul reported about his conversation with Dr. Moerschbaecher regarding post tenure review. All campuses were asked to submit their proposal with criteria for post tenure review. The BoS obtained the criteria and since they were different and contradicting, the System Office is going to work on common set of policies.
- Regarding posting links for clinical services on the LSUHSC web site, hopefully in the next several months there will be links on the front page so that the search for clinical services will be straightforward. At present there is a wait for all schools to submit their links.
- Dr. Paul yielded to Erich Richter, Chair of the Research Committee, who recommended that Dr. Bazan be invited to the February or March Senate meeting (whichever is more convenient for him) to report about the activities of the LSUHSC Executive Research Committee.
- Additionally, Senator Richter asked Senators to bring feedback from assemblies regarding issues related to research/facilities since often these are related. Senator

Rubin, Chair of the Facilities, Safety and Security Committee offered close collaboration with the Research Committee.

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

- a) Ombudsman proposal – report expected at February meeting.
- b) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary –A report is expected maybe at the February meeting. Senator Bagby emphasized that at present the committee focuses on retirement benefits regarding the base vs. supplemental salary. At present the benefits are calculated from base salary. There is a need for a mechanism that resolves this. Also, each employee commits to irrevocable decision to enroll into ORP or TRP. It would be desirable to have an option of a one-time change. Senator Scribner brought up the issue of base vs. supplemental salary with respect to grant proposal reporting.
- c) Security on Campus – Senator Rubin presented a handout, a compilation of security issues regarding handgun ban at campuses and LA Handgun Rules Manual. All campuses in Louisiana are gun free. LSUHSC is hence a gun free environment, however not in compliance with Rules since there are no signs indicating a gun free environment. Senator Rubin will contact the Vice Chancellor Garner and/or Ball with the brief report and request to resolve the violation and post the signs.
- d) Network, internet and PC problems – in the discussion several questions occurred, such as that e-mail is kept indefinitely. Senator Lloyd informed that post-Katrina all mail is moved into one server, which causes slow connections and other problems. Deleted e-mail is really deleted is not kept shadowed.
- e) Senator Rubin reported about Chancellor’s Reception Room, which if open, is used by students for study.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business

- a) Senator Volaufova brought up a question about either web casting or teleconferencing the Senate meetings for those senators who are permanently out of town (Baton Rouge). In the discussion it was mentioned that there might be problems with technology (the room is not set up for teleconferencing) and/or reluctance to pursue web casting. The issue was tabled.

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 – no recent activities, Senator Simonsen mentioned that probably soon the CCC might report on its activities. Senator Bagby mentioned that it would be helpful if the Assemblies identified new senators in May so that when the new semester starts potential committee members are identified before the first meeting August;
 - iii. Electronic communications – no report;
 - iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – see Old business;
 - v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – see Old business;
 - vi. Research – see President’s report. Senator Scribner brought up an issue at the NIH level – they are changing the review process and will ask the deans of schools (medical centers) to identify scientists for review committees.

- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – Senator Hebert raised a question about contact hours – 1 hour with a student body per week amounts to 16 contact hours (depends on number of weeks per semester but not on the number of students in class).
 - ii. Dentistry – The dental hygiene program is going through accreditation process in March;
 - iii. Graduate School – student leave issues discussed. Each individual case has to be handled by particular department (school) and mentor. The Research Day will be organized in Fall ;
 - iv. Library – Senator Lloyd reported - the construction is still in process, the Library Commons will be a beautiful area designated for student use 24/7 when finished;
 - v. Medicine – Dean Nelson attended the Assembly meeting and talked to the faculty about the new hospital issues. He also talked about the state budget and anticipated deficit;
 - vi. Nursing – preparation for accreditation, a new senator, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods got elected ;
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

- c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives – no report since there was no meeting. At the December meeting of the Council of Faculty Advisors, President Cope emphasized that the BoS consider the faculty benefits as an essential issue for faculty retention and hiring.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm

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