

**Faculty Senate Minutes
November 2008**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Jo Thompson, Erin Dugan, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;
Dentistry –Dennis Paul, Catherine Badell, Marco Brindis;
Graduate School –Angela Amedee;
Library – Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Gregory Bagby, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Michael Levitzky, Sean Collins;
Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Joanne Hebert, Randy Rosamond;
Public Health –Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd.

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig;
Dentistry –Diedra Foret, Tobias Rodriguez;
Graduate School – Andrew Catling;
Medicine – Tonya Jagneaux, Daniel Kapusta, Kevin Reed (excused);
Nursing – Cynthia Longford;
Public Health – Ed Peters, Richard Scribner.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

Agenda item 1. The October minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda item 2. President's report - There are no new issues except what is covered under following items.

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

- a) Congratulatory resolution to 50th anniversary of UNO – President Paul presented a draft of the resolution. The resolution was unanimously approved after changes in wording.
- b) Ombudsman proposal – no report presented.
- c) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – no report presented. Related to this and the previous issue, senator Bagby reported about creating two subcommittees within Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare committee. One subcommittee is expected to deal with the ombudsman's role and recommendations and the other with identifying relevant issues regarding salaries,

supplemental salaries, benefits and related issues. Reports from both subcommittees are expected in the near future.

- d) Force Majeure termination – in spite of assurance by Dr. Moerschbaeher that the force majeure is terminated, there is a need to obtain a written confirmation. President Paul will get the confirming document from Board of Supervisors.
- e) Resolution 08-03 regarding Student Security Clearance follow up – no report at this meeting.
- f) Security on Campus – Senator Rubin reported about his unsuccessful attempts to meet with Vice-chancellor Gardner. The first floors of campus buildings are monitored by security cameras and access is available via use of LSUHSC ID cards. The entrance will not be re-opened to general public unless there is University Police on duty. Senator Rubin will follow up on this issue.
- g) Network, internet and PC problems – President Paul reported about his e-mail exchange with Dave Troendle, the head of Computer Services. Anything that is on a desktop, which is connected to a network can be monitored and is not considered as private. President Paul will invite Dave Troendle to the December Senate meeting to present more detailed information.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business

- a) Report on feedback from schools to LSUHSC advertisements- the main purpose of advertisements is to increase awareness about research achievements, study possibilities, and medical services at LSUHSC in the community. This is the first time that TV commercials and fliers are distributed. The majority of senators reported that less than 30% of those asked have seen the ads. The discussion concentrated around several issues. In general, Senators are concerned about the difficulty people not associated with the institution have for obtaining information from the LSUHSC web site. There is no information about how potential patients can obtain medical or dental help. The web site is the first contact for potential students and hence what public sees should be improved so that they can find what they are looking for. At present the organizational structure is difficult to navigate and difficult to find information of interest. The contents and information about each particular school is the responsibility of the school. Senator Brindis will prepare a presentation about the available dental services for the next senate meeting. In order to get an idea about efficiency of the ads a survey and market research might be conducted. In the discussion, Senators Richter, Bagby, Lloyd, Joanne Hebert, Levitzky, Brindis, Simonsen, Thompson, Volaufova, and Paul participated.

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 report;
 - iii. Electronic communications – Senator Lloyd reported that all committees and committee members are updated on the web site; she emphasized that the committees should post committee actions and minutes on the web site by submitting information to her.
 - iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – Senator Rubin took initiative to solicit information of possible issues and problems from each school’s assembly;
 - v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – See Senator Bagby’s report under Old business;
 - vi. Research – no report.

- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – no report;
 - ii. Dentistry – no report;
 - iii. Graduate School – no report;
 - iv. Library – the construction is still in process;
 - v. Medicine – lack of ionized water is a major problem, it is an issue for the Facilities, Safety and Security Committee. Senator Rubin will follow up on this and related issues;
 - vi. Nursing – a new senator and a president of the faculty assembly will be elected at the next assembly meeting;
 - vii. Public Health – the revision of the strategic plan is in process.

- c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives – no report since there was no meeting since the October Senate meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the first week of December. The LSU system representatives will represent a unified front and will have a 5 minute presentation. Anybody interested in addressing certain issue should send their topic via e–mail to President Paul.

The Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates will meet at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Kevin Reed will represent our institution. The benefits package will be discussed. Representatives to the Board of Regents will be present to answer questions and it is hoped that faculty concerns will be transmitted to the Board of Reagents. The Board of Regents has a similar body as the Faculty Advisory Committee and has a representative from each university system. The meeting is open to public hence Senator Kevin Reed, who resides in Baton Rouge, may be suggested to attend the meeting.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by
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