

**Faculty Senate Minutes
October 2008**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig, Jo Thompson, Erin Dugan, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;
Dentistry –Dennis Paul, Catherine Badell, Marco Brandis;
Graduate School –Andrew Catling;
Library – Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Gregory Bagby, Dan Kapusta, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Michael Levitzky, Sean Collins, Kevin Reed;
Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Vickie Jordan, Joanne Hebert, Randy Rosamond;
Public Health –Richard Scribner, Ed Peters, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu;
Faculty Guests: Robin English, Thomas Lallier.

Those absent included:

Dentistry –Diedra Foret, Tobias Rodriguez;
Graduate School – Angela Amedee (excused);
Medicine – Tonya Jagneaux;
Nursing – Cynthia Longford (excused);
Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd .

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with minor changes.

Agenda item 1. The August minutes were unanimously approved.

President Paul introduced and welcomed all newly elected senators for this academic year.

Agenda item 2. President's report - President Paul reported from his meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher.

- Regarding response to emergency and registration on LSUHSC web site, they talked about redundancy and confusion about the need for registration at the time after the emergency was declared. According to Dr. Moerschbaecher a committee will be established which will investigate the events and response to emergency. A Senate representative is expected to be a member of this committee.
- Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – Dr. Moerschbaecher informed President Paul that there is a pending litigation related to this issue and hence all activities that would lead to any changes are on hold at present time.
- Regarding faculty furlough as a consequence of force majeure declared after hurricane Katrina by the Board of Supervisors, Dr. Moerschbaecher informed President Paul that

the BoS officially ended the possibility of furlough under the rules of force majeure in June 2008 after all furloughed faculty cases have been settled.

- Dr. Moerschbaecher asked each School of the HSC for feedback about the new advertisement campaign about the HSC.
- UNO is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and hence Dr. Moerschbaecher recommended to President Paul that the Senate submits a congratulatory resolution. The Senate unanimously approved the motion to come up with a resolution.

Action: President Paul will formulate the resolution and presents it at the next Senate meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Old business:

- a) Committee assignments – Secretary Volaufova informed the senate about the results of elections of chairs for each Senate standing committee. The list of committees, their members and chairs is attached. The members of the Committees Coordinating Committee (CCC) were assigned. President Paul delegated the decision to the Executive Committee, which established that the CCC will have seven senators – a president-elect who serves as a chair of the CCC, one assigned member by the EC and one senator from each of five schools (allied health, medicine, dentistry, public health, and nursing). Since the Senate bylaws state that each senator is a member of one and only one committee, in the light of the responsibilities and mission of the CCC, the senate voted unanimously to suspend the one-committee requirement for this particular instance until permanent changes are made in the bylaws. For this academic year the chair of the CCC is Scott Rubin.
- b) Response to emergency – covered in President’s report.
- c) Ombudsman proposal – Senator Peters reported about his findings on responsibilities of the ombudsman at the LSU campus and in broader terms about the wide range of information available on the Ombudsman Association web site. In the discussion it was emphasized that it is important to identify the extent of the need and range of possible responsibilities that the ombudsman would have at HSC. In the discussion senators Kapusta, Peters, Rosemond, Thompson, Reed, Jordan, Reed, Paul, Bagby, and Volaufova participated.

Action: The Professional Rights Committee will deal with this issue and report about the progress at a future date.

- d) Discrepancy between base salary and supplemental salary – covered in president’s report. The Professional Rights Committee will deal with this issue.
- e) Faculty furlough and force majeure – covered in President’s report.
- f) Resolution 08-03 regarding Student Security Clearance – no report presented. In discussion, Senator Thompson raised great concern about an imminent need of having adequate policy in place on HSC level and particularly at the School of Allied Health.

Action: President Paul will invite the vice chancellor for clinical affairs to the Senate to give feedback on this particular resolution.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 4. New business – other new business

- a) Security on the campus – first floors of all building are monitored by security cameras. There is no plan to add security personnel to first floors. This raises a legitimate concern among faculty.

Action: The Facilities, safety, and security committee will follow up on this issue and report at the November meeting.

- b) Network, internet and PC problems – Senator Kapusta raised an issue about problems with network login in connection with internet connection. In the discussion questions regarding monitoring all e-mails and internet access were raised.

Action: President Paul will invite the head of Computer Services to inform the Senate about the current monitoring practices on the HSC level.

There was no other new business

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty Senate committees – all committees elected their chairs.
- b) Assemblies:
- i. Allied Health – the Allied Health Week is going to take place during the second week in November;
 - ii. Dentistry – the new dean Dr. Gremillion started on October 1;
 - iii. Graduate School – no report;
 - iv. Library – no report;
 - v. Medicine –no report;
 - vi. Nursing – the re-accreditation of the School of Nursing is in preparation, The self study is in process, the advisory committee will be on campus in January and the accreditation will be in March;
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

- c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives – the BoS met on October 2, 2008. The BoS haven't elected a chair yet, as they have postponed this vote until the December 2008 meeting. James Firnberg, a consultant to the LSU Systems Office, presented the current funding formula for all institutions (with the exception of the two health sciences centers and the agricultural center). However, the Board of Regents wants to have a budget funding formula for each institution. At the next BoS meeting, the Council of Faculty advisors will request a time and will have an option to raise issues related to current employee benefits to the BoS. Senators are encouraged to send their issues/concerns to President Paul, who will incorporate them into a letter to Kevin Cope, President of the Council of Faculty Advisors. Concerns/issues from all institutions in the LSU system will be summarized and presented. Lilly (Priscilla) Allen invited all faculty to the second Chancellor's Forum, titled "LSU and the LSU System". It will take place on Tuesday, November 4 at 3:30 at the Hill Memorial Library on the LSU campus.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

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