

LSUHSC Faculty Senate
Tuesday – June 8, 2010
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Rubin called the meeting to order at 3:35pm
Quorum verified

Those present included:

Allied Health – George Hebert, Jerald James, Theresa Nicholls, Kelly Alig

Dentistry – Glen Palmer

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling

Library – Hanna Kwasik

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Costa Dimitriades, Erich Richter, Gregory Bagby (proxy for J. Sturtevant), M. Levitzky

Nursing – Leanne Fowler (proxy for C. Langford), Gwen S. Woods (proxy for M. Kraus)

Public Health – Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova,

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Dennis Paul

At-Large (President) – Scott Rubin

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan

Dentistry – S. Brisco, M. Brindis, T. Lallier, D. Foret

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – John Estrada, J. Porter, J. Sturtevant (excused w/proxy)

Nursing – Cynthia Langford (excused), Randy Rosamond (excused), C. Langford

Public Health – R. Scribner, Thames, Hu (excused w/proxy)

I. Elections of New Officers:

1. Council of Faculty Advisors Election

i. Nominees: S. Rubin or J. Estrada

1. Elected: Rubin (Ballot count and verification by A. Amedee & L. Fowler)

2. Announcement of President-Elect and Secretary

- i. President- Elect: Mike Levitzky
ii. Secretary: Costa Dimitriades

II. Approval of April and May Minutes: Unanimously accepted

III. President’s Report

1. Semester calendars are more problematic for the School of Allied Health than other schools. Rubin will discuss this issue with the Allied Health Dean.
2. Dr. M's updates (per S. Rubin):
 - i. Budget: Hiring freeze continues to hurt the schools with faculty having increased workloads.
 - ii. LSUHSC has 3 medical stations along the coast to assist in treating those affected by the oil spill.
 - iii. New PhD program starting in Epidemiology.
 - iv. Rainy Day fund will only be tapped into as a last resort. It may create more of problem depending on the timeline for repayment.
 - v. Dr. M is a little concerned about the potential threat to some programs' accreditation if the combination of faculty shortage, hiring freeze, and faculty resignation continues.

IV. Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting update (Dennis Paul):

1. There was a serious issue when a faculty member was pulled from her class (replaced by B.R. campus Administration) apparently without discussing the situation with her first due to more than half of her class failing her Midterm. The AAUP will investigate this issue.
2. The AAUP is investigating a different matter regarding the dismissal of other faculty.
3. TRSL has announced some changes to the Optional Retirement Plan, although none of these address the issues of declining state contributions or ability to opt into the TRSL plan if you're already in the ORP.

V. Board of Supervisors meeting updates (Dennis Paul):

1. All of our schools are graduating over 95% of our students.
2. It was shown that as our state funds were reduced after Katrina, our school increased the number of students, reduced the number of faculty, and reduced the number of support staff in all of our colleges. It was further demonstrated that our students were passing their state boards on the first try at a improving rate.
3. The Financial Aid programs (via TOPS) will start 12 million dollars in debt this fiscal year.
 - i. It will be voted on whether or not students will be mandated to pay those funds back if they do not graduate. However, Paul reported that such a proposal is being met with heavy opposition.
4. President Lombardi stated that depending on the budgetary changes in the next two years, one path being formulated to meet expected shortfalls projects closing up to eight schools in the Louisiana State system of Universities. This would still require an additional 10% cut in state funds for the remaining schools.
5. The state of LA has had another year of low tax receipts.
6. BP has promised the LSU campus a 1 million dollar grant. There is an additional \$300 million in funds that will be an open competition.

VI. Old Business

1. Kevin Cope communicated to TRSL/ORP that a board member representing higher education should be elected due to the resignation of the last representative.
2. Sturtevant will follow up with the childrens' science literacy program – youth empowerment; and a flier is available for those Senators that may want to volunteer for BP oil spill related activities.
3. Committee chair status updates tabled until Committee reports.

4. An outline of the SOM Faculty survey will be presented at the August meeting by S. Brierre.

VII. New Business

1. Unanimously approved to suspend July's meeting.
2. School budget inquiry by the SOM:
 - i. Allied Health – Mission based budgeting
 - ii. Public Health – Enterprise wide budgeting
 - iii. Nursing – Strategic plan driven, zero based budgeting

VIII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. Education Committee – See VI.2.
 - ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – No report
 - iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – Elections done. No report
 - iv. Electronic Communications – No report
 - v. Facilities Safety, and Security – No report
 - vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – No report
 - vii. Research – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
 - i. **Allied Health** – Successful Family Day.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – Next meeting is June 9th (tomorrow). Major curriculum review and change pending. Class of 2010 donated a crawfish boil kit to the school.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – There is a potential problem with the LSU School of Library Science being phased out. It has not been voted on by the Board of Regents.
 - v. **Medicine** – Reviewing the efficacy of the new Mentorship program to those MDs who have been given notice of non-reappointment. The ad-hoc committee appointed to this review will also serve as Advisors to those MDs given notice. Much of these notices are caused by budget shortages. Approximately 13 individuals may be affected.
 - vi. **Nursing** – Hiring freeze pains felt among faculty with no changes to our student performance at this time. FNI Summer camp will begin this month.
 - vii. **Public Health** – Gearing up for the new Epidemiology PhD program to start this Fall. At the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors another PhD program – one in Community Health Sciences - is to be voted on.

IX. President Rubin addressed the Senate as his last month presiding over the Senate.

X. The Senate thanked President Rubin for his service.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 4:42pm

Submitted by: Leanne H. Fowler, MSN, RN
Faculty Senate Secretary
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