

LSUHSC Faculty Senate
Tuesday – May 11, 2010
Administration Building
Chancellor's Conference Room 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Rubin called the meeting to order at 3:36pm

Those present include:

Allied Health – George Hebert, Jerald James, Kelly Alig

Dentistry – n/a

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – Hanna Kwasik

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Erich Richter, Johnny Porter, Joy Sturtevant, M. Levitzky, John Estrada, C. Dimitriadis

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, Gwen S. Woods, Cynthia Langford

Public Health – N. Simonsen, J. Volaufova

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Dennis Paul (proxy for Brisco)

At-Large (President) – Scott Rubin

Guest - Gregory Bagby,

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan (excused – maternity leave), T. Nicholls

Dentistry – S. Brisco (w/proxy), M. Brindis, T. Lallier, G. Palmer, D. Foret

Graduate Studies – A. Catling (excused)

Library – n/a

Medicine – n/a

Nursing – Marge Kraus (w/proxy), Randy Rosamond (excused),

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

I. Approval of Minutes: No quorum

II. President's Report

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting attended by President Rubin in Alexandria.
 - i. Many agenda items were not applicable to our HSC.
 - ii. Once the federal stimulus monies end, there could be as much as a 40% reduction in the budget system wide.
 - iii. There was a brief meeting between President Rubin and the Fac. Senate representative from Shreveport HSC. A virtual meeting among our Senators and theirs was proposed; possibly an access grid meeting could be arranged.
2. Council of Faculty Advisors meeting
 - i. There was discussion of potentially permitting a one-time return to the Teacher's Retirement plan, however, this option would only be for those who had previously left TRSL to go to ORP.

3. House Bill 507 – Re: moving the Med School to Baton Rouge and the Allied Health and Nursing Schools to UNO. This Bill was involuntarily deferred and taken off of the table. However, there will be a study conducted of the issue.
4. Tiger Health Caucus – Everyone encouraged to sign-up. Each School's Dean has or will be sending information on the site to their faculty.

III. Old Business

1. Budget – No changes or progress at this time.
 - i. As voted on at the prior meeting, LSUHSC-NO Senate resolution 10-2 was rescinded. There is no specific information at this time regarding what further cuts will be made. Discussion of an appropriate response is pending that information.
2. Senate Service activity (Senator Joy Sturtevant)
 - i. Senator Sturtevant proposed 3 ideas to the Senate:
 1. NOPLAY – program educating at-risk youths and young adults to bring them to a GED level. Maybe having a Senator to speak to this group about their career and then having those interested in our field shadow us.
 2. Visit a set of schools for a career literacy program – Either science literacy, career literacy, or a combination of both. Middle school representatives were communicated with regarding this idea and they were very interested.
 3. Another option is Allied Health specific, to partner with a Slidell H.S. to specifically have A.H. professionals become involved.
 - ii. President Rubin stated that the HSC Administration is excited about this idea and encourages this action.
 1. How could these activities be initiated? Senator Sturtevant stated that she could set these activities up with the affiliated schools/programs for the early Fall. She suggested that this activity would require approximately 1 hour of a Senator's time.
 2. Senator Sturtevant will arrange for a number of dates with the responsible agencies and disseminate the available days and times for sign-up. Senators are encouraged to volunteer.
 3. Leslie Capo should be notified well before any event occurs
3. Tenure clock Extension
 - i. The Shreveport HSC would like to move forward with the extension from 7 – 9 years but they could only do so with LSUHSC-NO support. The representative was informed that our Senate discussed it and decided that it was not needed at our Center. It was discussed that it could be abused to delay tenure from 7 years to 9 years. Another issue was discussed, that those who have not had grants by year 4 are receiving notices to end their contract in some programs.
 - ii. The decision of the Senate was that LSUHSC-NO did not support changing the tenure clock from 7 to 9 years. This conclusion will be conveyed to the LSUHSC-NO Administration and to the LSUHSC-Sh Faculty Senate.
4. Other old business
 - i. Senator Estrada inquired whether our Senate is effective at representing the faculty of our respective schools. Structure of the Senate and the relationship with the HSC Administration's Council was discussed. Further, the purpose of the Senate was discussed.

IV. New Business

1. Service – See III.2.
2. Nominations – (N. Simonsen)
 - i. The Senate will need a President-elect, Secretary, and one Council of Faculty Advisors representative. Electronic nominations can be submitted to Neal Simonsen. Voting will take place in June.
 1. President-elect nominations
 - a. Levitzky
 2. Secretary nominations
 - a. Dimitriades
 3. Council of Faculty Advisors representative nominations
 - a. President Rubin
 - b. Senator Estrada
3. Committee membership – (N. Simonsen)
 1. Any chair that will not be able to serve next year needs to either be replaced; i.e., committee must elect another chair. Advise President-Elect Simonsen as soon as possible.
 2. J. Lloyd will be reappointed as the Web-Master
4. Other new business - None

V. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. Education, Service, and Patient Care Committee – See III.2.
 - ii. Committee Coordinating Committee - No report
 - iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – No report.
 - iv. Electronic Communications – send minutes of meetings from committees for dissemination on website. – No further 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 – Family Day is scheduled for next month.
 - ii. Dentistry – No report
 - iii. Graduate Studies – No report
 - iv. Library – Changing hours of operation. May 16th to Aug 8th open until 10pm.
 - v. Medicine – Newsletter for the School of Medicine is being established that will include Faculty Assembly/Senate information. The Newsletter will start in the School, but is planned for dissemination across the Center and then hopefully to the community. It will initially be distributed electronically.
 1. A survey was conducted within the School of Medicine (SOM) that compiled information (such as job satisfaction). Senator Estrada suggested that such a survey would be valuable to all Schools and that they should examine it. Pres. Rubin suggested that the survey should be forwarded to the other Schools' Faculty Assemblies. After discussion, SOM Senators stated that the survey and results would not be available to other schools for examination (due to the cost to School of Medicine

and proprietary issues). Senator Brierre suggested having a presentation on the Survey to the Senate; this will be pursued.

- vi. Nursing – No report
- vii. Public Health – Completing reviews for the new Epidemiology PhD program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

Submitted by: Leanne H. Fowler, MSN, RN
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