

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – June 14th, 2011

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan, George Hebert, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – T. Lallier and Glen Palmer

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee and Andrew Catling

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriades, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, Joy Sturtevant and Erich Richter

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus (proxy), Randy Rosamond, Todd Tartavouille (proxy) and Gwen S. Woods

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu , Lynn LaMotte, Ariane Rung and Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd and Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs and Jerald James (excused)

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

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre (excused), Carmen Canavier,

Nursing – Leanne Fowler (excused)

Public Health – R. Scribner

Ex Officio – Dennis Paul (excused)

- I. Elections: Erin Dugan, President-Elect and Costa Dimitriades, Secretary
- II. Approval of Minutes: April and May Minutes approved unanimously
- III. President's Report
 1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaeher
 - i. GRAD Act – Although not finalized yet, GRAD Act 2.0 contains no specific provision for tuition increases for future years. It does transfer greater flexibility to universities for purchasing, construction and contracts, and should be finalized by June 24th, 2011. The operating assumption is still that a tuition increase of around 10% will be authorized for the next academic year.
 - ii. Animal Care facility - progress continues
 - iii. Allied Health/Nursing facility – progress continues
 - iv. Human Development Building – plan modifications for a larger structure will necessitate additional piles driven
 - v. New Cancer Research facility – two floors remain for completion

- vi. New Post Doc Association formed – plan to invite as a guest to a future FS meeting
- vii. New Cafeteria manager was announced

IV. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – June 3rd, 2011

1. COFA Meeting
 - i. HB 530 – Governor’s plan to increase all state employee contributions to the retirement system by 3% with a subsequent reduction of state contributions by 3% does not seem likely to pass the legislature.
2. BOS Meeting
 - i. The finance, infrastructure, and core development committee voted to allow a restricted account for the operations of the LOUIS, as it is now funded by fees to the member libraries rather than directly by the state.
 - ii. The Board of Regents approved 3-4-5 tuition increases
 - iii. A recommendation to move UNO to the UL System passed unanimously

V. Old Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System –update deferred until next meeting.
2. Budget update
 - i. There was discussion of a plan by Senator Vitter, Speaker Tucker, and Treasurer Kennedy which recommended the purchase of Tulane and Lakeside Hospitals in conjunction with a much scaled-down new facility as an alternative to the planned University Medical Center
 - ii. There was discussion of a proposal for the elimination of personal income taxes in Louisiana
3. Website Advisory Committee (WAC)
 - i. The WAC will be a standing committee of the LSUHSC Faculty Senate
 - ii. Andrew Hollenbach, Chair of the School of Medicine Communication Committee, will distribute a faculty survey regarding desired improvements to the website
 - iii. A faculty self-serve module has been added to PeopleSoft. Senator Levitzky gave a nice demonstration. A tutorial is available:
http://www.lsuhs.edu/ps/support/Version%209%20HR_SA_TL_FIN/9.0%20Training%20Manuals/Accessing%20and%20Viewing%20PeopleSoft%20Web-Based%20Training%20-%20HR_SA.pdf
4. Constitutional and Bylaws amendments – proposed changes passed by 2/3 majority of Senate (see <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/schools/facultysenate/ConstitutionBylaws1106.pdf>)

VI. New Business

- i. None

VII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. **Education Committee** – Senator Sturtevant will assemble a list of existing service projects in local schools that we can participate in. The plan is to agree on a set date(s) for participation early in the next academic year to optimize advanced planning.
 - ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – Will convene to review the HSC standing committees list and make recommendations regarding membership

- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – see above
 - iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
 - v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See above from Senator James report.
 - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report
 - vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
- i. **Allied Health** – A very successful Family Day was held last weekend.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – No report.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – No report.
 - v. **Medicine** – There was discussion on the impact of the renovations at the animal care facility.
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – In the process of moving location to the Lions Building.

The Faculty Senate thanked President Simonsen for his hard work and dedication during the past year's service.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:40pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
July 13, 2011