

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – May 10th, 2011

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm
No Quorum.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs and Jerald James

Dentistry – n/a

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee (proxy Judith Venuti) and Andrew Catling

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriades, M. Levitzky, and Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond, and Gwen S. Woods

Public Health – Ariane Rung and Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Dennis Paul, and Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan, George Hebert (excused), and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – M. Brindis, S. Brisco, D. Foret, T. Lallier and Glen Palmer (excused)

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Lee Engel (excused), Kyle Happel and Joy Sturtevant

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus and Todd Tartavouille (excused)

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu (excused), Lynn LaMotte (excused), and R. Scribner

Ex Officio – n/a

I. Approval of Minutes: deferred until next meeting

II. President's Report

1. Senate-endorsed letter supporting funding of the new University Medical Center was sent to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Donovan and other principals cc'd on Senator Vitter's April letter in opposition to federal support of the project. Received letter thanking Senate for input and stating that Senate letter will be kept on file for reference if formal application for mortgage insurance is received.
2. Continued discussion of potential SUNO-UNO merger legislation but viewed as political minefield and many of arguments raised lack details or balanced discussion of costs and benefits.
3. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher
 - i. Grad Act report materials filed; awaiting response from Board of Regents (BoR). Once approved by Board, monies raised by last year's tuition increase can be released from escrow account and utilized.

- ii. Fairly widespread feeling that 2/3rds majority needed for SUNO-UNO merger not available.
- iii. BoR expected to follow support fund review panel recommendation to provide \$400,000 match for Al Copeland Endowed Chair in Neuroendocrine Cancer.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – April 15th, 2011

1. COFA Meeting

- i. Routine salary raises are not occurring. However, “retention packages,” promotion and “equity” raises are possible
- ii. HB 537 proposing a merger between SUNO and UNO under the UL system has passed 2 subcommittees in the LA House of Representatives to get sent to the floor. It would require 2/3 vote to pass the house.
- iii. Email archiving – all LSU System emails are permanently preserved and discoverable.
- iv. LSU Policy Statement 29 regarding classroom decorum was reissued: <http://appl003.ocs.lsu.edu/ups.nsf/ByNumber?OpenView>
- v. All COFA minutes available at http://www.lsu.edu/senate/Council_FacAdv.html

2. BOS Meeting

- i. Chancellor Hollier presented –
 - 1. Rural care students – 3rd and 4th year medical students in Lafayette (at UMC)
 - 2. Primary Care Physician 3 year condensed curriculum

IV. Old Business

- 1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James deferred update until next meeting.
- 2. Budget update – Initial legislative efforts to address the governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012 are underway.
 - i. LSU BR campus Faculty Senate resolution opposing the privatization of the Office of Group Benefits (Faculty Senate Resolution 11-13) was discussed.
- 3. University Medical Center – discussion of the Kaufman Report (http://www.newhospital.org/plans/110602_UMC%20Business%20Plan%20Validation_Public%20Document_FINAL.pdf)
- 4. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Bettina Owens announced incorporation of new search engine into the website. WAC still adding members and awaiting input from various faculty assemblies.
- 5. Constitutional amendments -

V. New Business

- 1. Mental Health Emergencies
 - i. A recent case highlighting knowledge gaps to help faculty and students with potential mental health emergencies was discussed.
 - ii. Assistance is available through the Campus Assistance Program (<http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/organizations/campushealth/ceap.htm>). A counselor is on call **24 hours a day** to assist in time of crisis (504-568-8888).

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – No report.
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – Proposed changes to the constitution regarding the determination of a quorum and the creation of an Information Technology Committee will be forthcoming. Also,

nominations for Faculty Senate office are open with elections at the next meeting.

- 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** – No report.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – No report.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – No report.
 - v. **Medicine** – No report.
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:58pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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