

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

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:38pm
Quorum verified

Those present included:

Allied Health – George Hebert,

Dentistry – S. Brisco

Graduate Studies – Greg Bagby (proxy for Angela Amedee)

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Costa Dimitriadis, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, Erich Richter, and Joy Sturtevant

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

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

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Dennis Paul

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan (excused), Jerald James, Rennie Jacobs, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – Glen Palmer, M. Brindis, T. Lallier, D. Foret

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee (excused with proxy Greg Bagby) and Andrew Catling

Library – n/a

Medicine – Lee Engel (excused)

Nursing – Leanne Fowler (excused)

Public Health – Ariane Rung (excused) and R. Scribner

Ex Officio – Scott Rubin (excused)

I. Approval of June Minutes: Unanimously accepted

II. President's Report – First Report

1. Goals for the upcoming year:

- i. Continue the momentum of the Faculty Senate developed in recent years, including enhanced involvement in campus-wide activities and decision-making that affects faculty interests.
- ii. Deal effectively with budgetary issues, both pre-existing and new as a result of loss of stimulus funding (potential \$23M additional loss in the 2011-12 fiscal year).
- iii. Improve the dissemination of information to our faculty body, specifically regarding budget planning, updates on planning for the new medical center, changes to retirement/benefits plans, and concerns regarding other Center-wide issues such as information technology.

2. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher:

- i. Budget: Scope of cuts still remains to be determined, but planning for next fiscal year is designed to address worst case scenario if it becomes necessary.
- ii. Academic Medical Center – pressure exists to downsize the facility from 400 to 250 patient beds, which would effectively eliminate the anticipated good payor mix.
- iii. Noted improvements in campus safety thanks to HSC committee activities over the past year.
- iv. Update on FEMA funding for dentistry facility r&r: no specific new news except that expectation is for it to be finalized ~'any day now.'

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) July 2010 meeting update (Dennis Paul):

- 1. General COFA Information: Each school sends a representative to the COFA to meet prior to the Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting. Council members may address the board directly.
- 2. Each Chancellor reviewed proposed cutbacks for the anticipated upcoming budget deficit
- 3. LSUHSC – NO is preparing for a \$23M cut, which could prompt entire program closures.
- 4. LSUHSC – Shreveport have proposed an eleven day furlough for all employees.
- 5. The chancellors of the various campuses collectively reported that additional upcoming cuts are destroying higher education in the state of Louisiana.
- 6. The possibility of declaring financial exigency was raised (see Section 9.4 LSUHSC Faculty Handbook, <http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/academic/FacultyHandbook.pdf>) OR (see Section 5-13 Bylaws and Regulations LSU System, <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/Administration/bylaws/>). Some faculty members at various schools have received potential termination letters.
- 7. Collective Bargaining – LSU Baton Rouge Faculty Senate President, Kevin Cope announced that their body has chosen the Louisiana Association of Educators to solicit support for main campus faculty.
- 8. La Grad Act Passage announced – Allows for 5% tuition increase for this year and 10% increase next year if certain conditions met. Both health science centers currently exceed set conditions for graduation and retention.
- 9. New Academic Medical Center Oversight Committee introduced.

IV. Old Business

- 1. ORP – HB 229 passed both La House and Senate and is now up for vote this fall for as an amendment to the state constitution. It would require any changes to the public retirement system which had an actuarial cost to be approved by 2/3 majority of the legislature as opposed to simple majority as currently stipulated. This would potentially make it much more difficult to pull ORP out of TRSL or initiate other substantive reforms.
(<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/byinst.asp?sessionid=10RS&billid=HB229&doctype=ALL>)
- 2. Budget update – Dennis Paul reiterated that the proposed additional reductions are in preparation for the worst case scenario and that our chancellor's strategy will be to employ targeted cuts, as opposed to across the board reductions.
- 3. Allied Health Holiday Schedule Clarification – tabled.

4. SOM Faculty Forward Survey – Stephen Brierre reported that Janis Letourneau could be asked to present a short summary of the results to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate declined after a short discussion.

V. New Business

1. Committee vacancies
 - i. New delegates are to choose one of the committees.
2. School Liaisons
 - i. Allied Health – Erin Dugan
 - ii. Dentistry - Marco Brindis? (Dentistry needs to confirm their designated liaison.)
 - iii. Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee
 - iv. Library – Rebecca Bealer
 - v. Medicine – Stephen Brierre
 - vi. Nursing – Leanne Fowler
 - vii. Public Health – Neal Simonsen
3. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Dennis Paul made the point that the WAC which was to be created in response to a Senate resolution in March 2009 has never met. He made a motion the issue be raised again with the Chancellor. J Sturtevant added that the SOM was advised to stop its efforts to address the website issue as it reflects a campus-wide issue. The senate body agreed that the Executive Committee would meet with the Chancellor to raise the issue again.
4. Collective Bargaining effort at LSU main campus – Dennis Paul reported that the main campus is moving forward with its efforts to create a collective bargaining agreement and that the main campus has asked other campuses to investigate the feasibility of doing likewise in their respective locations. The senate body agreed that the Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare committee should investigate the issue and report back to the senate.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. **Education Committee** – J Sturtevant reported on the Education Service/Patient Care project. There are three venues currently being proposed:
 1. NOPLAY (New Orleans Providing Literacy to All Youth) – GED program at Youth Empowerment Project (2601 Tulane Ave). Just have to set the date. Darrin McCall – contact
 2. KIPP Charter Schools – Orleans Parish – talk to students – Science Literacy – still in works; Connie Bellone intermediate
 3. Slidell High School – Allied Health Program – include in curriculum – still in works; Dawn Rudiger – contactAs proposed dates and times for these activities are developed they will be circulated to the Senate to gauge interest and settle on specifics.
 - 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** – Meeting regularly now.

- ii. **Dentistry** – Next meeting is August 11, 2010.
- iii. **Graduate Studies** –Next meeting August 25, 2010 likely to be dominated by impending devastating budgetary cuts.
- iv. **Library** – The shortened library hour schedule will continue indefinitely.
- v. **Medicine** – No report.
- vi. **Nursing** – No report.
- vii. **Public Health** –two new programs are being implemented: PhDs in Epidemiology (enrollment began this fall) and Community Health Sciences (enrollment to begin next fall).

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:02 pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
August 23, 2010