

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – August 16th, 2011
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan, Rennie Jacobs, Jerald James, Theresa Nicholls, and Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar and Tom Lallier

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Jerome Breslin, Stephen Brierre, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, M. Levitzky and Joy Sturtevant

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus and Randy Rosamond

Public Health – Joseph Hagan, Dan Harrington, Lynn LaMotte, Neal Simonsen, and Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – n/a

(Guests: Chancellor Hollier, Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher, Peter Winsauer)

Those absent included:

Allied Health – n/a

Dentistry – S. Brisco and Elizabeth Strother

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Kyle Happel and Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler and Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods

Public Health – n/a

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

- I. Guest Speaker - Chancellor Hollier updated the Faculty Senate regarding several current issues:
 1. Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Ronnie Smith officially retired effective June 30, 2011. The decision was based largely on the resultant reduction in retirement benefits that would occur by remaining in his current position. He was rehired by the institution on July 1, 2011 on a temporary basis as Interim Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance and as Interim Assistant to Chancellor for Special Projects so that he may continue the many important works under his direction and to facilitate the transition of the duties to a future Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance. The duration of the term is not determined but estimated to be 6 months. The decision was approved by the LSU System Board of Supervisors.
 2. LSUHSC New Orleans is working to start branches of the medical school in both Lafayette and Baton Rouge. The goal start date is July 2013. The branch school in Lafayette will be designed as a 3-year curriculum and have an emphasis on primary care

medicine. The branch school in Baton Rouge would likely be able to utilize the excellent resources of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center and may be attractive to prospective MD-PhD candidates. In total, this would fulfill both the need to increase medical school positions and provide an emphasis and streamlined pathway to increase the number of primary care physicians, much needed in our region.

3. The business plan for the proposed University Medical Center (UMC) will be presented to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) in the fall by Mr. Bobby Yarborough, UMC Board Chairman. If the budget gains approval by the JLCB, it is anticipated that construction will begin by the end of 2011.
4. Opening of the Cancer Center Building may be delayed due to water damage from a recent sprinkler system leak.
5. Progress at the St. Charles Ave clinical practice facility for faculty is on schedule for an October opening.
6. Regarding finances and budgetary matters, Chancellor Hollier remarked that at present there are no plans for further cuts and that the HSC is functioning very well. He noted that restrictions on hires and pay raises as set forth from the Governor's office are still in effect. Those do not apply to necessary hires and pay raises associated with promotions.

II. Approval of Minutes – June 2011 Minutes approval unanimous with one revision.

III. President's Report

1. The Committee Coordinating Committee met and reviewed all HSC standing committees and made recommendations to Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher. All recommendations were accepted.
2. No further items to report following the Chancellor's update.

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

1. COFA Meeting
 - i. A. Duplessis not confirmed by the state senate to serve on the BOS
 - ii. Louisiana Association of Educators expressed concern that payroll deduction for payment of dues not allowed
 - iii. Roger Lane (Chair of Benefits Committee) and Jill Kraft (Attorney) continue to explore legal options regarding subjecting the ORP with unfunded liability from the TRSL and addressing the inadequate total contributions to the ORP.
 - iv. Next Faculty Summit to be held September 24th in Alexandria - participation is encouraged.
2. BOS Meeting
 - i. LSUHSC – S has a new consolidated transport system to facilitate entry of patients to the Shreveport hospital – LSU STAT – with excellent results.

V. Old Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James reported on recent communications with LSUHSC University Police Department Chief Joseph, Vice Chancellor Gardner, and Vice Chancellor Smith regarding the protocol for testing the system and issuing actual alerts. There remain some areas which require additional clarification.
2. Clery Act compliance (<http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/handbook-2.pdf>) – Senator James also reported on recent communications regarding current non-compliance with the Clery Act. The issue is not yet resolved.
3. Budget updates – see Chancellor Hollier report
4. PeopleSoft Self-Service update – system seems to be working well

VI. New Business

- i. Faculty productivity incentives – Senator Rubin noted that the current salary freezes reduce incentives for improved productivity and that PM-69 (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/pm/pm-69.pdf>) does not appear to suggest limitations on faculty incentive program incomes based on the previous year's income. Discussion within the senate body concluded with turning the matter over to the Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare committee for further investigation into PM-69, to verify if the faculty view of an income limitation is correct, and review of similar policies in like institutions.
- ii. Technology Transfer – Senator Paul noted that the future of the Office of Technology Development (OTD) was in question. He requested that the Research committee investigate potential plans for improved performance of OTD.

VII. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – No report
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – see President's report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
- iv. **Information Technology** – No report
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See Old Business, items 1 and 2
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report
- vii. **Research** – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – SAHP committees are being charged by FA president and Dean Cairo
- ii. **Dentistry** – No report
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
- iv. **Library** – Reported that the Dental School library would remain closed for approximately 3 months while HVAC ductwork was underway. Dental school library staff would be temporarily relocated to the main campus library.
- v. **Medicine** – No report
- vi. **Nursing** – Reported that the Nursing school is in the process of hiring
- vii. **Public Health** – Move to the Lions Building complete

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:03pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
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