

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – December 13th, 2011

Room 632 in the Learning Center in the Lion's Building

3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

Quorum verified.

Those present included:

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

Dentistry – S. Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, and Elizabeth Strother

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Ted Weyand

Library – Rebecca Bealer (proxy Jennifer Lloyd)

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

Nursing – Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods and Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Dan Harrington, Joseph Hagan, Lynn LaMotte, and Neal Simonsen

Ex Officio – Dennis Paul and Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – n/a

Dentistry – Tom Lallier

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, and Randy Rosamond

Public Health – Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – n/a

Guest – Greg Bagby

I. Approval of November 2011 Minutes – unanimous following revision(s)

II. President's Report

1. An advertisement for the position of Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance was posted on the LSUHSC website (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/hrm/jobs/jobs.aspx>) and will be posted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. (<http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000706158-01/>) The position was advertised as a single position.
2. Efforts to open a branch medical school campus in Lafayette are currently on hold.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) –

1. COFA

- i. Pursuing issue of equity raises. If allowed, would place cap of 14.5%
- ii. Human Resource Management Chief, A G Monico looking at a retirement system specifically for higher education professionals.

- iii. Effort to make state campus courses more transferrable and standardized nomenclature.
- iv. LSU – BR effort to create repository of research and accomplishments. COFA pushing for LSU System wide effort and have such repository electronic and accessible online.

2. BOS

- i. LSUHSC – S now implementing “Pelican,” an electronic patient management system. Expected to have positive implications regarding access to medical information, records protection, and research capabilities. LSUHSC – NO will likewise move to electronic patient management. A lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons ensued.

IV. Old Business

1. Tenure Clock –

- i. Guest speaker Bagby reported on the School of Medicine’s effort to evaluate the issue of extending the tenure clock evaluation process from 7 to 9 years. The SOM FA created an ad hoc committee consisting of Basic Science faculty on tenure track (with both tenured and non-tenured representation). The initial response to the subject was positive, but subsequent feedback was negative. The committee created a pro/con list. (see SOM FA Nov 2011 Minutes). A subsequent vote from the SOM FA was 10 in favor and 7 against. Additionally, the FA unanimously voted to express the opinion that tenure is a complex issue and that all issues regarding tenure should be evaluated with the goal of balancing the needs of the faculty and with the missions of the School.
- ii. President Levitzky will draft and send to LSUHSC –S Faculty Senate a summary letter of all LSUHSC – NO Schools responses on the subject.

2. Podcasting –

- i. The issue of intellectual property is addressed in Bylaws and Regulations, Part II, Chapter VII (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/bylaws/bylawsandregulations.pdf>) and by PM – 15 (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/pm/pm-15.pdf>)
- ii. Our COFA representatives will attempt to obtain an interpretation of the existing policy as already outlined in the above documents.

V. New Business –

- 1. Tobacco Use Policy – CM 58 (<http://lsuhsc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-58.aspx>) details the implementation of a tobacco free policy on all university campuses in the city.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – Service project at Warren Easton High School was well attended and well received. Senator Rubin formally thanked Senator Sturtevant for her hard work and dedication to the project become a reality. The goal is to maintain an ongoing effort in the future.
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
- iv. **Information Technology** – No report
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – Believe the HSC is moving forward to be in compliance with the Clery Act .
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report

- vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
- i. **Allied Health** – General Faculty Meeting was held last week. Groundbreaking for the Human Development Center was set. Plan to develop a committee of emerging technologies use.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – FA Meeting next week.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – The Dental School library reopened Sunday, December 11th. Recent complaints received regarding the lack of heat for the main library.
 - v. **Medicine** – see President’s report and Old Business
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – Recent preliminary visit from the Council on Education in Public Health. Announced that new UNO President, Peter J. Fos, departed from the School of Public Health to accept his new position.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:52pm

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