

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – September 13th, 2011
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

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

Those present included:

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

Dentistry – Tom Lallier, and Elizabeth Strother

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Ted Weyand

Library – Rebecca Bealer

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

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus

Public Health – Joseph Hagan, Dan Harrington, Lynn LaMotte, Neal Simonsen (by proxy Hu), and Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd and Dennis Paul

(Guests: Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher)

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Scott Rubin (excused)

Dentistry – S. Brisco and Suzanne Farrar

Graduate Studies – n/a

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre (excused)

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond, Todd Tartavouille (excused), and Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods (excused)

Public Health – n/a

Ex Officio –

I. Approval of Minutes – August 2011 Minutes approval unanimous

II. President’s Report

1. Meeting with Chancellor Hollier – Updated the Chancellor regarding the faculty’s continued near-unanimous disapproval of Vice Chancellor Smith’s re-employment immediately upon his retirement at a salary nearly as high as his pre-retirement salary in addition to his full retirement benefits. There was also discussion regarding the absolute term of the employment, the timeline for initiating advertisement for a replacement candidate, and the timeline to begin the process of turning over Vice Chancellor Smith’s duties to a replacement person(s).
2. Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher addressed the Faculty Senate –
 - i. He noted that administrative realignment to possibly separate the position of Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance into two separate positions would

require LSU System and BOS approval. Nonetheless, the administration is reviewing various administrative alignment models from similar health sciences centers across the Southeast. Both models exist, but it appears that larger health sciences centers, such as ours, tend to separate the positions more often. He anticipates that the process of replacing Vice Chancellor Smith will be difficult. However, advertisement for the position of Vice Chancellor of Finance is being prepared, but that advertisement will require System/BOS approval.

- ii. A general discussion followed Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeche's address. Multiple senators voiced disapproval regarding the lack of input from the faculty body in both the possible realignment of the administrative hierarchy and the process of searching for a replacement candidate. Multiple senators also voiced disapproval regarding the negative message that this situation sends to the faculty body and community as a whole.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – No report

IV. Old Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James continues to work towards ultimate clarification regarding the protocol for testing the system and issuing actual alerts. He plans to meet with Robert Fahey, Executive Director for Environmental Health and Safety.
2. Budget updates – no additional updates

V. New Business

- i. Tenure status for Faculty Senate officers – President Levitzky shared a concern recently relayed to him from a senior faculty member regarding the potential ineffectiveness of having non-tenured faculty senators hold Faculty Senate offices, specifically the position of President. Following a short discussion, it was decided not to take further action on the item.
- ii. Bandwidth limitations – Senator Sturtevant relayed a concern from a faculty member regarding the failure of LSUHSC IT infrastructure to appropriately increase the institution's bandwidth capabilities as deemed necessary by ever increasing use patterns of bandwidth, consistent with conducting routine business in a modern health sciences center. Following a short discussion, it was decided that the IT committee should continue ongoing efforts along with the Office of Computer Services to ensure appropriate bandwidth capabilities.

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. **Education Committee** – No report
 - 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** – See Old Business, item 1
 - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – Deferred reporting on Faculty Productivity Incentives until next meeting.
 - vii. **Research** – A committee has been assembled to replace James Hardy, current Office of Technology Development Director.
2. Faculty Assemblies
 - i. **Allied Health** – SAHP job fair and promotions seminar will be held next week.

- ii. **Dentistry** – Permission granted to institute a Cox Network to expand net access
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – Reported on recent GAC meeting discussion of conduct codes
- iv. **Library** – Reported on a new cataloging system
- v. **Medicine** – No report
- vi. **Nursing** – No report
- vii. **Public Health** – No report
- viii.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:53pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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