

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – February 11th, 2014
Administration Building
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President-elect Winsauer called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls, Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar

Graduate Studies – Ted Weyand and Suresh Weyand

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriades, Michael Levitzky, Peter Winsauer, and Jay Mussell (Proxy for Timothy Foster)

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Patricia Andrews, Dan Harrington, Chih-yang Hu, and Lynn LaMotte

Ex Officio – Kerri Ramsdell (Proxy for Erin Dugan)

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Jerald James and Jan Case

Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Steven Brisco, Julie Schiavo (Excused), and Kitrina Cordell (Excused)

Graduate Studies – N/A

Library – N/A

Medicine – Robin McGoey, Kyle Happel, and Bradley Spieler,

Nursing – Jean Cefalu, Katherine Carter (Excused), and Ellen Beyer (Excused)

Public Health – Cruz Velasco-Gonzales

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd (Excused)

I. Director of Human Resources (Ms. Marie Cole)

1. Ms. Cole stated every 3 years insurance plans go out for bid. After this process, a new plan administrator (WebTPA formerly CIGNA) and new provider network (Aetna formerly CIGNA) went into effect. Ms. Cole stated the message about providers changing was not effectively announced as many LSUHSC employees were unaware of the provider change. New identification cards were administered and Ms. Cole asked LSUHSC employees to contact Deborah Edwards (member advocate) if they have any concerns. Ms. Cole will send out an email with different links so LSUHSC employees will be able to see coverage information. President-elect Winsauer also suggested links be placed on electronic boards or in Chancellor’s notes so faculty are aware. President Dimitriades also asked Ms. Cole if future messages regarding provider changes can be posted on webpage.
2. Ms. Cole and Mr. Chris Vidrine (Director of External Relations) addressed the Optional Retirement Plan. Effective July 1, 2014 the employer match for higher education ORP participants will decrease from 5.1839% to 3.6658%. President Dimitriades asked if the decrease was a done deal. Mr. Vidrine stated yes it was a done deal unless something happens in the legislative session. Mr. Vidrine informed the Senate to make Representative Kevin Pearson aware of the importance of the negative effects of House Bill Number 6 on many LSUHSC employees. Senator Harrington asked how the

matching rate was calculated. Ms. Cole stated the matching rate was calculated by a consulting group.

3. Mr. Vidrine also stated LSUHSC is able to keep tuition dollars.

II. Approval of January 2014 Minutes – unanimous

III. President's Report:

1. Dr. Moerschbaecher is not optimistic about the possibility of cross walks around LSUHSC campus until after completion of the new hospital. The City of New Orleans maintains the sidewalks and streets around the LSUHSC campus.
2. The call boxes on the breeze way have been replaced and are functional according to Dr. Moerschbaecher.
3. Dr. Moerschbaecher is supportive of external defibrillators on LSUHSC campus and will work on placing more units throughout the campus.

IV. Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. Senator LaMotte stated in order to better advance innovation arising from university research, LSU will adopt a new approach to commercialization and technology transfer. The LSU LIFT Fund will better advance innovation arising from university research.

V. Council of Faculty Advisors Meeting

1. Discussion focused on House Bill 6 which provides that the crime of carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on school property shall not apply to off-duty law enforcement officers

VI. New Business

1. No new Business.

VII. Old Business

1. Recycling Ad Hoc Committee Report

- i. President Dimitriades met with Treacy Stone (Director of Physical Plant) and obtained contracts for waste management. Currently Waste Pro LA is responsible for waste management on LSUHSC campus. The average cost for dumpsters and comingle waste is approximately \$51,000. The committee will meet to develop proposal plan.

2. Office Temperatures

- i. Senator LaMotte developed a survey of 6 questions. President-elect Winsauer made a motion to distribute survey to School of Public Health. Senator Rubin seconded the motion.

3. Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee Report

- i. Mixed reviews on cafeteria food. Senator Farrar spoke with students at Dental School who have noticed a difference. Senator Nichols spoke with students at School of Allied Health and they have not noticed much change and the tax is too much. President-elect Winsauer stated things are improving but will take time as new operations just went into effect January 21, 2014.

4. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – No report.
- ii. **Dentistry** –No report.
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report.
- iv. **Library** – Shelving project at Dental School is complete.
- v. **Medicine** – Tom Risch provided School of Medicine with virtual presentation of new hospital.

- vi. **Nursing** – No report.
- vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Mussell and seconded by President-elect Winsauer.

Submitted by: T. Tartavouille, DNS, APRN, CNS-BC
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