

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – August 12, 2014**  
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Admin Bldg.  
3:30 p.m.

President Winsauer called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.  
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls

**Dentistry** – Suzanne Farrar, Steven Brisco and Katrina Cordell

**Graduate Studies** – Suresh Alahari

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** – Scott Delacroix, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Jay Mussell, Robin McGoey, and Peter Winsauer

**Nursing** – Todd Tartavouille, Gloria Giarratano, Ellen Beyer, Katherine Carter, and Jean Cefalu

**Public Health** – Susanne Straif-Burgeos, Adrienne Katner, and Chih-yang Hu,

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Jerald James, Scott Rubin and Jan Case

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier

**Graduate Studies** – Diptasri Mandal

**Library** – N/A

**Medicine** – Kyle Happel, Bradley Spieler, and Timothy Foster

**Nursing** – N/A

**Public Health** – Stephen Phillippi

- I. First order of business was the approval of the minutes and the request by President Winsauer that the new Senators introduce themselves to the Senate. Regarding the minutes, Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the minutes from July, 2014. Senator Mussell seconded the motion, and a majority voted to accept them without revision.
- II. The second order of business was a testimonial from Dr. Sonia Gasparini about crime on campus and the impact it has had for her as a faculty member. Dr. Gasparini's bicycle has been vandalized on three separate occasions on the first floor of the parking garage. She mentioned that different parts of the bike were missing after each incident (e.g., tires and the seat). Because of these incidents, she stated that purchasing anything other than an inexpensive bicycle is out of the question. Dr. Gasparini did say that she had been in contact with the LSUHSC police, but that they were never able to catch any of the perpetrators. Regarding the most recent incident, the police did say that with the help of the surveillance video that was taken they might be able to identify and apprehend the individual if they were to come back on campus.

Senator Brisco then stated that the Dental School desperately needed a secure location for bicycles. At present, the only option for students is to secure their bicycles to the handrails located around the walkways.
- III. President's Report:
  - a. Winsauer recapped a conversation he had with Vice-Chancellor Gardner about the recent problems observed in the parking garage (i.e., people speeding and making illegal turns). Vice-

Chancellor Gardner indicated that these problems are very difficult to solve as there are not enough police officers to intensively police the parking garage. He indicated that we all have to be willing to report these incidents when we see them. He stated that he did not want anyone acting as a policeman, but these issues can only be addressed if they are aware of them. Retention of officers also contributes to these issues in that officers frequently move on to more highly paid jobs after they get trained as a LSUHSC police officer. Senator Farrar then stated that faculty at the Dental School have been concerned for some time about the potential for an incident to occur there, because of the large number of patients that go and out of their clinics every day. In closing this discussion, the possibility of convening an *ad hoc* committee to examine these various security issues was discussed.

- b. Winsauer then spent some time recapping the discussion that took place with the Chancellor during the Special Session held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. Full details of this meeting are presented in the minutes for that meeting (please see the website for these minutes).
- c. In accordance with the suggested change in Senate protocol, most of the members of the Executive Committee met with Vice-Chancellor Moerschbaecher to get the monthly update on HSC activities. During this meeting, the Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the handbook now contained either new or revised policies on authorship, sexual harassment, conflict of interest, social media, and tech transfer.
- d. No report from the Board of Supervisors meeting.

#### IV. Old Business:

- a. Senator Mussell gave a progress report from the recycling committee. There are three large problems remaining before the proposed recycling program can be launched on September 1. One or more of these problems may also push back the start date. The problems are: 1) the need for a covered (rather than open) dumpster in which to place recyclables, 2) the identification of personnel to empty recycling bins, and 3) the facilities' desire to replace the recycling bins that were purchased. Regarding the second problem, it is still not clear who will empty the bins. If it has to be done by facilities' personnel, they feel they will need a full FTE to do this job. Currently, the plan is for there to be two bins on each floor of MEB. Regarding the third problem, staff from facilities did not like the recycling bins that were purchased, so they have ordered another type that have not yet arrived.
- b. The School of Graduate Studies finally has a Master's in Biomedical Sciences program with the appropriate approval from the Board of Regents.
- c. Text messaging system and Utip: All of the Senators remarked that they were appreciative of the new Crime Alerts that are emailed from the Chancellor's office. This is a marked improvement in communication regarding the crimes that occur near our campus; hopefully, the text messaging system will be used as readily, in real time, if the need arises. In recent weeks, the Utip system (50911) was used to report a suspicious man near the dormitory. Upon investigation, the man turned out to be a serviceman who had entered without obtaining the proper authorization.
- d. Senator Mussell suggested the Senate invite the other Presidents of the Faculty Assemblies or Organizations to attend our monthly meetings (3 are already attending).
- e. Winsauer asked the Senators if they would be opposed to using the last 15 minutes of the September meeting to have a small reception for the new senators. No one objected.

- V. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Mussell, and seconded by Senator LaMotte.  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.

Submitted by: Suresh K. Alahari, PhD  
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