

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – July 8th, 2014
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th floor, Admin Bldg.
4:00 p.m.

President Winsauer called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Kirk Nelson

Dentistry – Julie Schiavo and Suzanne Farrar

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Costa Dimitriades, Michael Levitzky and Peter Winsauer

Nursing – Ellen Beyer, Katherine Carter, and Jean Cefalu

Public Health – Adrienne Katner and Chih-yang Hu,

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Jerald James, Theresa Nicholls, Scott Rubin and Jan Case

Dentistry – Tom Lallier, Kitrina Cordell and Steven Brisco

Graduate Studies – Ted Weyand

Library – N/A

Medicine – Kyle Happel, Bradley Spieler, Jay Mussell, Robin McGoey and Timothy Foster

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille and Gloria Giarratano

Public Health – Cruz Velasco-Gonzales and Lynn LaMotte

- I. Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the June 2014 minutes. Senator Nelson seconded the motion. Majority voted to accept June 2014 minutes.
- II. President's Report
 1. President Winsauer commended Past President Dimitriades for his service to the Senate and presented a plaque to him.
 2. President Winsauer met with Dr. Moerschbaecher and discussed three things in the meeting.
 - A) Finances: it was indicated that hiring, out-of-state travel, and professional service contracts will remain frozen until 2015. However, exceptions can be made. There will not be any pay raises because of anticipated mid-year budget cuts.
 - B) Handbook: Currently, the handbook is being revised because of the SACSCOC visit. In this revision, there will be new statements on authorship, sexual harassment, conflict of interest, social media and tech transfer policies.
 - C) Animal Care: The planned expansion of Animal Care onto the back of the Clinical Sciences Research Building (CSRB) is still awaiting approval from FEMA; therefore, the administration is exploring other spaces in which to expand our animal care facilities.
 3. President Winsauer asked the Senate whether our traditional meeting time of 3:30 to 5:00 was still appropriate for everyone. Several senators suggested we keep the same time on the second Tuesday of each month.
 4. Also, President Winsauer asked the Senate whether they thought it was a good idea for the Executive Committee to be included in his meetings with Dr. Moerschbaecher.

Several senators liked this idea and this will be implemented prior to our August meeting.

5. With respect to this issue, several Senators also suggested that the Executive Committee of the Senate occasionally meet with Chancellor Hollier instead of Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher to further enhance our communication and relationship with the Chancellor. The need for increased communication with the Chancellor was viewed as important, particularly because Past President Dimitriades' request to attend the Chancellor's Executive Committee meetings (per the bylaws of the Senate) was denied. President Winsauer asked the senators whether they would still like to invite the various deans to our Faculty Senate meetings to give a brief presentation on their school. Everybody liked the idea. In addition, it was suggested that the Senate meetings could be held at the different schools. All senators liked that idea as well.

Old Business:

- 1) Progress report of recycling committee: Senator Dimitriades met with the Chancellor to get the approval for it and the chancellor approved it. Senator Dimitriades will meet with Dr. Moerschbaeher to get other information and to get a potential start date.
- 2) Master's Program: President Winsauer indicated that he mistakenly reported during the last meeting that the proposal for our Master's program had been submitted to Board of Regents for approval. However, Dr. Moerschbaeher is working on it and he hopes to be able to move a proposal forward in the near future..
- 3) Text Messaging System: Currently, LSUHSC-NO has a system that is used for weather-related issues, but not for criminal activities. Several Senators asked why the criminal activity discussed at the June meeting (e.g., a shooting in front of ILH) was not broadcast using the text message system for the safety of everyone who frequents that part of campus. Given that no one knew the answer, President Winsauer will discuss this with the LSUHSC-NO administration. In the meantime, we should be using the UTIP system to report a crime to the police – that is, dial 50911 and begin your message with LSUHSC.
- 4) Security: several senators felt that security was not great on the campus as anybody can enter into the buildings through the parking deck on week days. President Winsauer will ask Leslie Capo to present the new security measures that she is developing for our campus.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.

Submitted by: Suresh K. Alahari, PhD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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