

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – December 9, 2014
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th 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 – Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar, Kitrina Cordell, and Julie Schiavo

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal

Library – Rebecca Bealer

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

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

Public Health – Lynn LaMotte

Ex Officio – N/A

Those absent included:

Allied Health –Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls, Jerald James, and Jan Case

Dentistry – Tom Lallier, and Steven Brisco

Graduate Studies – N/A

Library – N/A

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

Nursing – Jean Cefalu

Public Health – Stephen Phillippi, Susanne Straif-Burgeois, Adrienne Katner, Chih-yang Hu

- I. Approval of the minutes. Senator Kamboj made a motion to accept the minutes from November, 2014. Senator Levitzky seconded the motion, and a majority voted to accept them without revision.
- II. Senator Levitzky gave an update on the status of SACSCOC re-accreditation. The initial report, which consisted of 250 pages and over 1000 attachments, was submitted on September 10th and was reviewed by an off-site SACSCOC committee on November 6th. The committee found approximately 20 areas of non-compliance. Some of the areas of non-compliance include: financial resources and stability, administrative staff evaluations, administrative support services, academic and student support services, general education competencies, student rights and compliances, transfer credit policies, faculty numbers, competence, role in governance, student affairs and library staff and program requirements. Senator Levitzky and his committee members will respond with a “focused report” addressing those areas in February 2015. The on-site visit will be from March 24th thru 26th. A final decision will be made in December 2015.
- III. President Winsauer disseminated several news items:
 - a) According to Chancellor Hollier, he has discussed faculty raises with President Alexander. The hope is that he will be able to give an across-the-board raise of 4%, as opposed to merit-based raises that *average* 4%, given that we have not had consistent raises over many years.
 - b) LSUHSC is planning to hire a new Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs to replace Dr. in the near future.

- c) Multidisciplinary clinics will begin operation at the school of Dentistry in March 2015, and they will initially be housed in trailers outside of the existing clinics. The purpose of these clinics will be to help address any other medical issues that are evident in the School's patients.
- d) The Administration has not made its plans known for replacing the Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, as the former Director was recently let go.
- e) An executive order that freezes governmental spending will be in place throughout the fiscal year. There are specific exemptions to this freeze, such as those related to patient care; so, if you need something you believe fits one of those exemptions it would probably benefit you to first check with Terry Ullrich our Vice Chancellor of Finance.
- d) Meetings regarding our new LSU Health – New Orleans Vision and Mission statements have progressed under the leadership of Vice Chancellor J. Pegues. He has attempted to engage faculty from each of the Schools in the process and they are now at the point of trying to develop strategies to achieve the vision and mission. Whether you participated in the meetings or not, the Administration believes the process is critical to our continued success and that you understand and embrace our Shared Vision. This link <http://www.lsuhs.edu/events/docs/VisionNotetoLSUHealth0115.pdf> will take you to both our Shared Vision and a memo summarizing key points that Mr. Pegues believes will help you begin to understand organizational vision and why we need it.

IV. Old Business:

- a) Progress report from the recycling committee: The program has been launched! As with any new program, there are some growing pains, because people unfamiliar with the program are putting 'trash' and food-contaminated items into the recycling bins. One problem is that individuals may not be able to easily differentiate the normal trash containers from the recycling containers. To address these issues, the committee plans to continue its educational efforts while also attempting to improve the signage associated with the respective containers.
- b) There was a request from a faculty member in the School of Graduate Studies that the Senate again bring attention to a particular security concern. This concern is the river-side entrance/exit to the public walkway over Claiborne Avenue, which often has homeless people sleeping around it. As a result, LSUHSC faculty, students and staff are hesitant to use it early in the morning or after dark. This particular walkway access also gives the impression of being very unsanitary and there is the concern that some individuals may be using it to relieve themselves.
- c) Salary compression committee should have a meeting in the near future in order to move forward.

V. Reports from the BoS and the different Schools:

- a) Board of Supervisors: No report.
- b) Nursing: Award ceremony will be on the December 12th for the December graduates.
- c) Medicine: Dean Nelson indicated that everybody would get raises if they received final approval.
- d) Allied Health: No report.
- e) Public Health: Nothing major to report.
- f) Graduate School: A reception and award ceremony will be held on the afternoon of December 16th.
- g) Dental School: The Faculty Assembly will meet on December 17th to discuss the elimination of Biochemistry as a stand-alone course in the dental curriculum. This change was brought to the

Faculty Assembly for advancement after deliberation by their School's Curriculum Committee. There are many concerns surrounding this suggested change and there is likely to be a lively discussion by faculty who are both for and against the proposal.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Kamboj and it was seconded by Senator Levitzky. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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