

## **LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday – April 12, 2016**

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Resource Bldg.

3:30 p.m.

President Farrar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Quorum verified.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – George Hebert, Kirk Nelson, and Kerrie Ramsdell

**Dentistry** – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, Kimberly Patterson, and Julie Schiavo

**Graduate Studies** – Suresh Alahari

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** – Scott Delacroix, Michael Levitzky, Robin McGoey, Jay Mussell, Bradley Spieler, and Peter Winsauer

**Nursing** – Ellen Beyer, Katherine Carter, and James Foley, and Gloria Giarratano

**Public Health** – Chih-Yang Hu (also proxy for Adrienne Katner), Lynn LaMotte, and Suzanne Straif-Bourgeois

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Laurie Hebert and Scott Rubin

**Dentistry** – none

**Graduate Studies** – Diptasri Mandal

**Library** – none

**Medicine** – Lisa Campeau, Shane Guillory, and Sanjay Kamboj

**Nursing** – Jean Cefalu

**Public Health** – Tung-Sung Tseng

### **I. Welcome**

1. President Farrar welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **II. Approval of March meeting minutes**

1. Senator Levitzky made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Delacroix, and the minutes were unanimously approved with no changes

### **III. President's Report/meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher**

1. Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, is the Health Sciences Centers' day at the capitol
  - a. Student and faculty representatives from Shreveport and New Orleans will attend
  - b. There will be two areas set up: one with informational tables and the other with health screening opportunities
2. Budget
  - a. We are still waiting on information

- b. The schools have been told to prepare for anywhere between 5%-15% cuts for next year
  - c. We are preparing for 10% and we “can handle” that amount
- 3. Construction projects
  - a. The renovations to the lobby/Bookstore/Credit Union on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Resource Center are now underway
  - b. The renovations to the last lecture room in the Nursing Building will start soon, and Senator Carter later confirmed that they had already begun
  - c. The plan is to have test pilings driven this summer for the FEMA-funded new Animal Care facility and expansion of the Trail Building
    - i. The project will take approximately three years
    - ii. It will also entail constructing a new walkway between the Trail Building and MEB for easier transport of animals between the facilities
    - iii. Renovation of the lobby in the MEB is also part of the project
- 4. Dr. Letourneau is retiring at the end of 2016

#### IV. New Business

- 1. Accepting credit/debit payments for student fees and tuition
  - a. The student groups are lobbying for this option
  - b. When Dr. Moerschbaecher was asked about the issue, he stated that they are working on being able to accept credit/debit payments but it is a slow process
    - i. Finance is down a few people now
    - ii. The equipment and software needed to process the payments is expensive
  - c. The Senate will pursue the issue more vigorously and contact someone in Finance to address the issue
    - i. Senator Delacroix mentioned credit payments are already accepted for CME courses
    - ii. Senator Carter added that Nursing CNE registration already has the ability to accept such payments also
- 2. Construction projects
  - i. Senate representatives from the School of Medicine were asked to broach the subject of how construction projects are prioritized across the campuses
  - ii. The Senate will request Chancellor Hollier attend the next meeting to ask about the process and rationale that goes into approving which projects are moved forward
- 3. Faculty Senate nominations
  - a. President Farrar will call for nominations at the next meeting

#### V. Old Business

1. UMC Shuttle

- a. The committee met with Vice Chancellor Pegues at the end of February and the focus was on the app to track the location of the shuttles during their runs
- b. Senator Spieler worked with Dave Nelson in IT to explore options for the app
  - i. After consulting with Dean Nelson and the committee, it was decided that a free app would be used
  - ii. All of the shuttles currently have GPS tracking, and the company that owns them can already track their location
    - a. It is possible to single out the UMC shuttles from the company's entire fleet, so they are pushing implementation of the app forward
- c. President Farrar thanked the committee for their work, and Senator McGoey thanked Senator Spieler for his help and added that they would work on changing the routes of the shuttles at a later time

2. Faculty Senate pins or other identifiable regalia

- a. President Farrar will ask Dr. Moerschabecher about the possibility of subsidizing the purchase of pins
- b. She will also investigate the cost and options for pins as she already has a supplier for service pins awarded at the Dental School

3. Recycling

- a. Senator WInsauer said the committee is still waiting to meet with Vice Chancellor Pegues about the issue

4. Temperature control

- a. The Dental School assembly questioned whether anything can be done about controlling the temperature, and the subject of the survey that was sent previously to the HSC population was raised
- b. Senator LaMotte mentioned it has been about one and a half to two years since the original survey was distributed
- c. The question remains as to whether there are still issues across the campuses with regards to temperature control

5. Morale committee

- a. The committee has yet to meet, but the topic spurred much discussion again
- b. Various issues are affecting morale
  - i. Compensation levels
  - ii. Leave policies, especially not being able to use sick leave to care for family members as was previously allowed
  - iii. Lack of travel and CE funds for faculty
- c. Senator Spieler volunteered to be added to the committee and President Farrar asked that they convene before next month's meeting

6. Nine-month academic appointment committee

- a. This new committee also has yet to meet

- b. President Farrar asked that this committee convene before next month's meeting

VI. Report from the Board of Supervisors meeting

- 1. Senator Winsauer was able to attend
- 2. There were comments from five faculty members about the Optional Retirement Plan and lack of investment in retirement programs
  - a. It continues to be a major problem with recruitment and retention in the System
  - b. Mississippi has a 13.25% contribution rate compared to our 6.2%
  - c. The ORP lawsuit is still moving forward
- 3. The Board is concerned that the System does not have a big enough presence in online education
- 4. LIFT Grants
  - a. The next round of these grants starts March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. We tend to do well in receiving these grants as we have had 12 projects funded since the program began in 2014
- 5. LSU Innovation Park
  - a. The facility's purpose is to commercialize research
  - b. It is on a 200-acre site and houses tenants whose companies employ roughly 300 people
- 6. The Board also went over the various renovations and construction projects at the different campuses
- 7. The next Alexandria Summit will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - a. Senator Brisco mentioned that he might be unable to attend and encouraged others to go to the event

VII. Report from Assemblies

- 1. Allied Health
  - a. They discussed issues affecting faculty morale
- 2. Dentistry
  - a. The Student Resource Fair will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Clinical board exams were conducted and everyone did fairly well
  - c. The first floor of the Clinic Building will also be undergoing renovations
- 3. Graduate Studies
  - a. They are discussing the plans for the next Graduate Research Day
- 4. Medicine
  - a. An extensive survey by AAMC was recently sent to all faculty and they are deciding what to do with the results
    - i. They previously did the survey in 2009, but had not done so since as there was a charge for it; the survey is now available for free
    - ii. It has questions catered to clinical faculty, basic sciences faculty, and by department

- iii. Senator Winsauer is on the committee that will examine the results
  - b. Dr. Patrick Griffenstein of trauma surgery is gauging faculty interest in setting up a mentor program for high school students interested in science
- 5. Nursing
  - a. Family Day was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended
  - b. The Sigma Theta Tau induction ceremony for undergraduates was held Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> and the ceremony for graduates will be held Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 6. Public Health
  - a. They held their Honors Day and Research Day
- 7. Library
  - a. No report

VIII. Adjournment

- 1. A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.