

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – August 11, 2015
Chancellor’s Conference Room, 8th Floor, Resource Bldg.
3:30 p.m.

President Farrar called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Laurie Hebert, Jerald James, Kirk Nelson, Theresa Nicholls, Kerrie Ramsdell, and Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, and Julie Schiavo

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari and Diptasri Mandal

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Lisa Campeau, Scott Delacroix, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky (also proxy for Kyle Happel), Robin McGoey, Jay Mussell, Peter Winsauer, and Bradley Spieler

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

Public Health – Dan Harrington (proxy for Chih-Yang Hu), Adrienne Katner, Suzanne Straif-Bourgeois, and Qingzhao Yu (proxy for Lynn LaMotte)

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – George Hebert

Dentistry – Kimberly Patterson

Graduate Studies – none

Library – none

Medicine – none

Nursing – none

Public Health – Stephen Phillippi

Ex Officio – none

I. Welcome

1. President Farrar welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Chancellor Hollier.

II. Chancellor Hollier

1. He stated that this is one of the most optimistic times he has seen for the HSC
2. The new hospital is open and there will be a formal dedication ceremony on Wednesday, August 26th at 1:30, with the Governor, President Alexander, and LCMC officials among those expected to attend
3. New identification cards soon
 - a. The current machinery is outdated and it is difficult to get replacement parts
 - b. You will be able to keep your old i.d. card but may be able to transfer your picture to a new one if desired
4. Hurricane Katrina display at the Medical Library
 - a. The Chancellor asked Dr. Moerschbaecher to describe the display in the Library Commons that focuses on the campus conditions after the storm

- b.It will be up until September 10th
- 5. Better security for bicycles
 - a. New bike racks were installed on the first floor of the Roman Street Garage near the elevators
 - b.Racks will be installed by the Nursing and Allied Health Building
 - c. The ones by the MEB will be replaced
- 6. Transfer of buildings
 - a. At next month's Board of Supervisors meeting a motion will be presented to transfer control of many of the Health Care Services Division buildings to the HSC
 - b.Included are Old Charity, Interim, Dibert, L & M, Butterworth, and Delgado
 - c. The MCL building will stay with the HCSD as LCMC is renting space, along with the surrounding parking lots
 - d.There are many plans as to rehabilitate and repurpose the facilities
 - 1. Three bidders are currently lined up for the Charity building with plans for renovation, possible conversion of a portion to condominiums, and another possibility of using one part of biotech and research purposes
 - 2. The Board of Supervisors will be approached with the potential for public/private partnerships to revamp student housing
 - 3. The state will be asked for capital outlay funds to renovate Interim as it is in need of attention, with future plans to include a large simulation center, housing the relocated and expanded Wellness Center, and faculty offices on the upper floors that would be moved from 1542
- 7. New projects and the HSC strategic plan
 - a. Development of a major center for genomics and genomics research is a part of the plan and we are currently hiring personnel to support this effort
 - b.Matthew Altier, one of the new project managers, is exploring new business opportunities and ways to increase the visibility of the HSC
 - 1. Banners will be placed along the streets surrounding campus
 - 2. Leasing space for digital billboards at the Dental School (by I-610) and the green area by Stanislaus
 - a. The HSC would have control over what is advertised and every sixth display would be for the HSC and its services
 - b. A portion of the annual revenue generated from this could be dedicated to faculty purposes, but not for travel
- 8. Questions from the Senate
 - a. Timeframe for the walkway from the HDC to UMC

1. Plans for a new walkway were ready months ago and they would have been like the Walk to Wellness, but the Mayor's Office rejected them as it wanted something that would act as an entryway to the CBD
2. It is anticipated that construction of the new walkway will begin in the middle of next year
3. In the meantime, measures will be taken to help to improve the safety of those having to cross Tulane to get to UMC including signs, crosswalks, expanding the times the shuttle runs, and shortening the walk by opening up a gate in the Roman Garage that is closer to Tulane

b. Covered or secured bike racks at the Dental School

1. There is currently no covered area for people to lock their bikes at the Dental School and the Chancellor stated they would definitely look into improving the situation

c. Costs for security and maintenance of buildings that will be transferred to HSC

1. The current HCSD maintenance funds for the buildings will be transferred as well, so there will be no additional costs to the state

d. Cohen Simulation Center versus the proposed new one at Interim

1. The Cohen Sim Center is constantly in use, so it cannot be used for outside purposes
2. There is demand for sim labs, and one at Interim can complement this with the existing ORs and cath labs to create an expanded facility that will also be a significant draw

e. Expanded facilities for UMC

1. There is no space currently for doctors' offices so there is a possibility to use the land at the former hotel site and adjacent properties for this purpose
2. Plans are also being discussed to transform the school building into a multiuse facility, housing a conference facility and faculty club as examples

9. Chancellor Hollier concluded his remarks by asking faculty to send any suggestions to him

III. Approval of July minutes

1. Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the minutes, Senator Rubin seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

IV. President's report: Meeting with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher

1. HSC Committees

- a. Names were gathered for service on various HSC committees per Dr. Moerschbaeher's request

2. Increasing student fees

- a. The state legislature approved a two-year window during which institutions could adjust student fees without legislative approval

- b. The fees will vary by school and it is preferable to have them in place next fall rather than at the beginning of the calendar year as increased fees impacts aid packages

3. SACS

- a. The revision is due August 26th and the QEP Committee was to meet August 10th to approve the revisions

4. New veterinarian

- a. Dr. Jeff Schumacher has replaced Dr. Gonzalez, who recently passed away

5. School projects commemorating the 10-year anniversary of Katrina

- a. All schools are involved in a variety of projects coordinated by their respective student organizations
- b. Projects included: various rebuilding efforts, New Orleans Mission, Green Light NOLA, Lafitte Greenway, Second Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, first responder thank-you meals, the community garden by 1542, and a food and toiletries drive for the Rebuild Center

6. Electronic leave system

- a. Requests for leave will be submitted online through the PeopleSoft Self Service module and will be approved by your supervisor
- b. The new system will allow for leave balances to be more up-to-date
- c. It will be rolled out slowly over the next 3-4 months

V. New Business

- 1. There was no formal new business discussed

VI. Old Business

1. Salary compression

- a. The ad hoc committee has not met
- b. Senator Winsauer said they wanted to show the instrument developed by Senator LaMotte to Dr. Moerschbaecher and Vice Chancellor Ullrich
- c. Administration would like to turn the issue over to HR

2. Recycling

- a. Senator Winsauer expressed lingering concerns about the signage that indicates what can and cannot be deposited in the recycling bins
- b. The cafeteria now uses plastic plates that can be recycled and the new dish washing system is finally installed, and they are using real silverware
- c. Senator Schiavo noted that four students at the Dental School have taken the reins for the recycling program there, have developed effective signage, and are tending to the recycling bins as well
- d. Facilities still need to be brought on board to embrace the effort

VII. Report from the Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. There was no report

VIII. Reports from Assemblies

1. Allied Health

- a. Kerrie Ramsdell is the new president of their assembly
- b. Tina Gulnado is the new director of the IPE office; she will be a guest at the October Faculty Senate meeting
- c. The 9th annual Health and Wellness Event is scheduled for November 6th in the MEB from 10-2
 1. It is entirely student-driven and has steadily grown far beyond its original form as a classroom project
 2. Senator Nelson urged anyone who would like to participate to contact him

2. Dentistry

- a. The IPE building is still yet to be officially opened

3. Graduate Studies

- a. There is a new master's program in Biomedical Sciences with 8 students
- b. Graduate Student Research Day is November 6th

4. Medicine

- a. There is still concern over recycling and the number of Facilities staff dedicated to the program; initially one FTE was to be assigned
- b. Salary compression is also a concern and there is a desire to know what is happening in the institution to address it
- c. Senator Winsauer suggested the possibility that a screening of the Charity movie be held at the theater in the HDC building

5. Nursing

- a. Expansion of the employee health clinic's availability to five days a week is being considered, but it is unknown whether this would also entail an expansion of the hours it is open each day
- b. The school has partnered with the National World War II Museum to host a presentation and book signing by Elizabeth M. Norman, author of *We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Women Trapped on Bataan* on September 1st
 1. The school is also trying to locate relatives of some of the Louisiana nurses who were imprisoned during this time

6. Public Health

- a. Dr. Vivien Chen is retiring; she was also the head of the Louisiana Tumor Registry for many years

7. Library

- a. There was a slight delay, but the 3D printers and scanners were to be officially available at the Dental and Medical Libraries on August 12th
- b. An NLM traveling exhibit about Harry Potter and Renaissance medicine will be on display at the Medical Library beginning August 31st and then will move to the Dental Library three weeks later

IX. Motion to Adjourn

1. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Levitzky and seconded by Senator Rubin.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Rebecca Bealer
Faculty Senate Secretary