

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – September 8, 2015
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th 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, Laurie Hebert, Kirk Nelson, Kerrie Ramsdell, and Scott Rubin

Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, and Kimberly Patterson (also proxy for Julie Schiavo)

Graduate Studies – Diptasri Mandal

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Lisa Campeau, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Robin McGoey, Jay Mussell, Peter Winsauer, and Bradley Spieler

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

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Adrienne Katner, Lynn LaMotte, and Suzanne Straif-Bourgeois

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – none

Dentistry – none

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari

Library – none

Medicine – Scott Delacroix and Kyle Happel

Nursing – none

Public Health – Stephen Phillippi

Ex Officio – none

I. Welcome

1. President Farrar welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Ken Boe, IT Director-Security and Services.

II. Ken Boe

1. IT has been cut off from dealing directly with the schools and everyone in the HSC, so they are trying to bridge that gap
2. They are conducting more meetings with local support groups and extending access to faculty so that we can know what is happening
3. Upcoming initiatives
 - a. Encryption for computers and smartphones will be implemented in the next 2-3 months using BitLocker (a Microsoft encryption product)
 - b. Official IT support for Apple computers; this will take several months to occur
 - c. Possibility of moving from PeopleSoft to Workday, a cloud-hosted, browser-based system; it does not have a student component yet, but LSU-BR is moving to the product
4. Recently completed projects

- a. Offering Microsoft Office Pro Plus where everyone has up to 5 licenses to download the suite on their personal computers and devices
- b. Skype for Business is now available for both on- and off-campus installations
- c. FileS system to allow for transmission of large e-mail attachments or other files that are stripped from Outlook

5. Questions from senators

- a. Secure e-mails to patients: All messages sent from lsuhsc.edu or UMC accounts are encrypted, but if a user has a question about the encryption of the site they are sending a message to, they can contact IT who will investigate the security of the receiving system
- b. New rules with messages being filed to the Junk Folder: send a message to postmaster@lsuhsc.edu for senders who should be placed on the white list
- c. Improvements to the e-mail archives: IT acknowledges there are problems, but it will be years until the archive system is changed

III. Approval of August minutes

1. The minutes were unanimously approved pending two corrections

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

1. Crosswalks/safe travels to UMC

- a. The elevated walkway from the HDC to UMC is at least two years away now
 - i. Entergy needs to complete work on a new substation and that will take at least 18 months
 - ii. The work on the substation needs to be done before the electrical lines can be rerouted and pilings driven for the walkway
- b. Temporary fixes
 - i. Walk/Do Not Walk signs at intersections
 - ii. Lowering speed limit on Tulane; this will also coincide with the revamp of the roadway
- c. Everyone is sensitive to the issue
 - i. Foundation board members mentioned the problem
 - ii. We are trying to put as much pressure on the Mayor's office as possible to have them appreciate and help to relieve the problem

2. The new list of members of HSC committees is out, but may not be on the website just yet

3. Issues at the new hospital

- a. Problems with IT, especially e-mail and phones not working
- b. Difficult to find supplies
- c. Nurses are taking the brunt of the complaints from patients, staff, and physicians

4. New programs in Public Health

- a. The MD/MPH program is being reduced from 5 years to 4 years

1. Student interest in the program to this point has been minimal
 2. The same option may become available for the Dental students, but their current curriculum does not have an open spot for it
 - b. A combined MPH/MSW with the Baton Rouge campus is in the early planning phase
 - c. The Baton Rouge campus is also looking into a program that will lead from a Bachelor's in Public Health to a Master's degree
 - d. The Board of Regents would reject us having a MSW program as they do not want the HSC to offer bachelor's programs; programs are currently available at Southern and Tulane
5. Two students are in the new biomedical engineering program
6. Research issues, especially animal care
- a. The lack of adequate animal care facilities is a limiting factor in our recruitment of new faculty and also affects current and future grants and projects
 - b. FEMA is requiring work to begin on the replacement animal care facilities in the Trail Building
 - c. There will be a 3-year construction period, but the big issues are where to house the animals and labs during that time and also how much it will cost
 1. There is space in the LCRC but it is not adequate for everything
 2. Mobile trailers: would they be rented or purchased, but the bigger issue is where to put them since there will be construction for the addition to the Trail Building
 3. Use Xavier? It is too far away, they are not currently AAALAC approved, and it would entail a large change in the protocols for research
 4. We are restricted as to what other options we can use because the FEMA funding is tied to animal care in the Trail Building and nowhere else
 5. There can be a remodeling of lab space in the MEB on the 5th through 7th floors for approximately \$800,000; we would have to put up that money
7. Facilities improvements
- a. New bike racks
 1. The ones installed by the elevators in the Roman Street Garage are more secure and are proving to be very popular
 2. New ones will be placed by Allied Health, the Resource Center, the MEB, and the Dental School (there is no idea of where the Dental School ones will be just yet)
 - b. Revamping of area outside of the Nursing and Allied Health Building
 1. Plans are to place new benches and redo the area in front of the building
 2. The aim is to better serve the students by providing a more practical outside study/gathering area and to make it look more attractive
8. The Board of Regents has rejected the proposed changes to increasing the minimum amount required for endowed professorships and chairs
9. There will be a focus on the biological and medical sciences for grants given through the Board of Regents so we're expecting to see an increase in those funds

10. Patrick Reed and the Tech Transfer office have been bringing in funds, especially with new licensing fees

11. Foundation fundraising activities

- a. The Foundation now has a more concerted effort towards raising funds, especially with the hiring of new development officers
- b. They have approached Anheuser-Busch for funds dedicated to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center and are looking to get funds for the Cardiovascular Center
- c. The building is also generating funds as two floors have been leased to outside tenants

12. IPE activities are going well, and the IPE clinic will have a soft opening September 22nd

V. New Business

1. Budget cuts

- a. A recent article in *The Advocate* described the problems with the budget, especially since the revenue estimating committee based their projections on oil being \$60 per barrel

2. Shuttle service to UMC

- a. Senator McGoey emphasized that there are problems with the service in that at times it is underutilized, runs somewhat erratically, and it ultimately needs to be more of an issue for the entire HSC than the SoM, even though the school is paying for the extended hours for the shuttle
- b. An ad hoc committee was formed to investigate and issue recommendations for the shuttle service; members are Senators McGoey, Laurie Hebert, Spieler, Brisco, and Cefalu

VI. Old Business

1. Salary compression

- a. The next step is a meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher, and the committee is waiting for it to be scheduled

2. Recycling

- a. No new developments, but the majority of efforts continue to be student-driven

VII. Report from the Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. The next meeting of the Board will be in two weeks

VIII. Reports from Assemblies

1. Allied Health

- a. The Early Learning Children's Center will be opening with care available for approximately 20 children aged 6 weeks to 24 months; the upper limit of the age range will increase as the program continues
 - b. It is open to faculty, and will have a little higher tuition than most daycare centers
 - c. Anyone interested in the service should contact Maria Blanco of the Human Development Center
2. Dentistry
 - a. No report
 3. Graduate Studies
 - a. No report
 4. Medicine
 - a. The assembly is drafting a letter to send to the Chancellor regarding safety when travelling to UMC, but the letter is being redrafted to include more issues
 5. Nursing
 - a. The event at the World War II Museum was the museum's highest-attended seminar with approximately 750 people
 - b. The school has been named an NLN Center of Excellence and the achievement will be celebrated October 5th
 - c. The school is planning to do a self-study with the goal of converting the DNS to a PhD program
 6. Public Health
 - a. The school is fast-tracking a plan to offer a three-year Occupational Medicine residency that may start as early as next year
 7. Library
 - a. The NLM traveling exhibit currently on display at the Medical Library about Harry Potter and Renaissance medicine will be moving to the Dental Library on September 21st, and will be there for three weeks
 - b. Staff encountered serious issues with the 3d printer at the Medical Library, so it is no longer available; the one at the Dental Library is still working for now

IX. Motion to Adjourn

1. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Mussell and seconded by Senator Rubin.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Rebecca Bealer
Faculty Senate Secretary