



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

3:30pm-5:00pm, Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor Resource Center

Those present included:

- Allied Health – Rachel Chappell, George Hebert, Scott Rubin, Krystal Vaughn
- Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Gabriel Hernandez, Waleed Zaid
- Graduate Studies - Suresh Alahari , Diptasri Mandal
- Library – Marlene Bishop
- Medicine – Lisa Campeau, Judy Crabtree, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Robin McGoey, Bradley Spieler (also proxy for Scott Delacroix)
- Nursing – Benita Chatmon, James Foley (also proxy for Paula Kensler), David Kalil
- Public Health – Tung-Sung Tseng
- Ex Officio – Rebecca Bealer (webmaster)

Welcome

March meeting minutes approved with changes submitted by Senator Levitzky.

President's Report

- Budget cuts expected to higher education; no specifics yet; special session expected in June
- Cuts to hospital funds should be evident by this month.
- Civil serve 2% pay increases in June (continues increases that were implemented in January)
- New revision on the faculty handbook; Senator Delacroix is on the committee which is chaired by Dr. Moerschbaecher
- Steps toward IRB improvement and plan to move process online. 20 laptops and additional software have been procured.
- School of Medicine L4s 2018 graduating class will present the school with the gift of a tree that will be planted on campus.

Old Business:

- Recycling at dental campus will continue with the support of the student group there. New bins in Medical Education Building (MEB) are pending completion of renovations and removal of temporary walls. New bins are now in the School of Nursing and Allied Health building. The bins are better marked/configured to avoid confusion between trash and recyclables. New bins also planned for the Dental School campus.

New Business:

- Faculty Senate Nominating Committee needs nominees for July 2018 - June 2019 officers including President-Elect and Secretary; please submit names for nomination to President Spieler; you can nominate yourself; once nominations have been received, President Spieler will contact nominees to ask them if they agree to run; will formalize ballot next meeting (May) and hold elections the following meeting (June)
- Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and CIO, Bettina Owens, is retiring in June. A recruitment committee is being assembled to identify candidates for the position. President Spieler is on the committee and is happy to accept questions or comments regarding the position that he can share with the committee.
- Future guest speaker: Will ask John Harman, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance, to come to a future meeting ideally when there might be more budget information available in June or July.

President Spieler asked the Senate if there were any questions:

Senator Crabtree asked if there has been any more information regarding the electric vehicle charging stations. President Spieler reported that there was no new information, and that the last information was that Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Properties, John Ball, was going to look into getting some quotes. President Spieler will follow up on that topic.

Senator Zaid asked if there were ideas on what departments/areas might be most affected by the possible budget cuts, and a discussion followed. Senator McGoey mentioned Director of External Affairs, Chris Vidrine's recent presentation to the School of Medicine Assembly on the impact of cuts on public/private partnerships. Senator Kamboj offered to send a chart from that presentation to the Senate. Senator Brisco mentioned that Dean Gremillion and others from the School of Dentistry recently attended Dentist Day at the Louisiana legislature in Baton Rouge. The impact of bills and cuts on public/private partnerships and the schools and hospitals was one of the issues discussed. President Spieler mentioned School of Medicine's Dean Nelson's recent guest column for The New Orleans Advocate on the ripple effects of cuts on physician training in the state. Students are worried about the future for graduates in Louisiana. Senator McGoey pointed out several hospitals have given notice of the devastating impact cuts could have.

Report from Board of Supervisors Meeting: Senator Rubin attended the last Board of Supervisors meeting on March 16th. There was a presentation on increasing diversity in procurement. The Board would like to see an increase in student enrollment. Other Southeastern Conference (SEC) of schools are our biggest competitors. Louisiana student ACT and SAT scores have dropped. The LSUHSC Foundation has purchased more properties in our downtown campus area which some areas being considered for additional parking. The old Charity Hospital site is still in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The wishful timeline is to publish a RFP on May 24th, select one by August, and have an agreement by December.

Senator Hebert asked about the walkway over Tulane Ave. President Spieler said there is no new information.

Reports from Assemblies

Allied Health - Senator Chappell reported that they held their general spring faculty meeting which included welcoming new delegates and completion of the revision to addendums A and B of the bylaws.

Dentistry - Senator Brisco reported that the Dean and others attended Dentist Day at the Louisiana legislature last week to discuss bills and cuts related to the School of Dentistry, the Health Sciences Center, and dentistry professionals in Louisiana. Today is Dental Hygiene Day, and Senator Farrar and others are in Baton Rouge meeting with the legislature today for that event.

Graduate Studies - Senator Alahari reported that they will soon make selections for the available PhD spots.

Medicine - Senator Kamboj reported on the School of Medicine assembly. Part time faculty have been approved to participate on the assembly. Also, the topic of emergency procedures during weekend and late hours was discussed. There is concern about whether or not the current process is sufficient. Camp Tiger Auction was a huge success and a lot of fun. School received the full Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation for 8 years.

Nursing - Senator Foley reported that the School of Nursing crawfish boil was a success. The school will be voting on 2 new senators.

Public Health - Senator Tseng reported that the school will be working on accreditation for November. The two new faculty (Biostatistics and Behavioral and Community Health Sciences) should be starting in the fall semester.

Library - Senator Bishop reported that new door handles and locks have been installed on all 3 floors of the library as part of a facilities project.

Senator Rubin wanted everyone to be aware that the LSU First health plan has dropped Ochsner system physicians as this might cause some problems for members.

Senator Spieler mentioned that Human Resources may be looking for senators to serve on a committee that will help provide feedback on services such as health insurance.

Adjournment at 4:05 pm