



## Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

Those present included:

- Allied Health – Rachel Chappell, George Hebert, Kerrie Ramsdell, Scott Rubin, Krystal Vaughn
- Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, Julie Schiavo
- Graduate Studies - Diptasri Mandal
- Library – Marlene Bishop
- Medicine – Judy Crabtree, Sanjay Kamboj, Michael Levitzky, Bradley Spieler
- Nursing – James Foley, David Kalil, Paula Kensler
- Public Health – Kari Brisolaro, Takeda Ferguson, Evrim Oral, Tung-Sung Tseng
- Ex Officio – Rebecca Bealer (webmaster)

Welcome

- President Spieler announced that Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies) and Mr. John Harman (vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance) will be joining us as guest speakers.
- Approval of April meeting minutes: secretary has revised minutes to include corrections submitted by Senator Alahari regarding Graduate Studies report. Senator Levitzky motioned to approve minutes and Senator Chappell seconded the motion. April minutes were approved.
- Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher and Mr. John Harman joined the meeting to clarify the recent changes to employee retirement benefits involving the discontinuation of 403(b) plans with the companies Voya and MetLife. An announcement regarding the change was made to LSUHSC-NO employees on May 4, 2018. The decision to terminate 403(b) plans with Voya and MetLife was made by LSU Baton Rouge administration without input from LSUHSC-NO. Mr. Harman discussed the situation and provided information as to why such changes can be necessary and how this process can be handled more inclusively and effectively in the future. Faculty Senate will draft a resolution to share its concern.

President's Report

- Nominations for 2018/2019 Executive Committee: There are currently 3 candidates for President Elect and 1 for Secretary.
  - President Elect: Suresh Alahari, Rachel Chappell, Judy Crabtree
  - Secretary: Krystal Vaughn

The floor was opened for more nominations, and there were none. The ballot was approved. Elections will be held at next meeting, June 12, 2018.

- Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher:
  - Retirement changes to 403(b) were discussed. We will continue to monitor this situation.
  - Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center (LaCaTS) review went well. There is a need to increase medical student involvement and education regarding clinical trials and grant writing. This may be something to coordinate through the Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (IPE).
  - Human Resources is working on a pay adjustment policy for unclassified (non-faculty) employees. They will announce more information soon. Faculty will be addressed separately in the future.
  - The Dental School is holding a yearlong celebration in honor of its 50th Year Anniversary. The ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Advanced Research and Clinical Care Building will be held on MAY 23 10:30am – Noon with light refreshments and tours of the facility.
  - Outdoor seating has been very successful, and two new sites will be the Human Development Center (S. Prieur St.) and the Resource Center (Bolivar St.). Plans also include the new tree to be donated by the 2018 School of Medicine graduating class. More outdoor seating areas will be planned as funds allow.
  - Dr. John Ruby passed away on April 18, 2018. Dr. Ruby was an important figure at the HSC for over 32 years, and he personified the spirit of the Faculty Senate. He served as Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dean of Admissions, Department Head of Pharmacology, and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Services before retiring in 2000.

#### Old Business:

- Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer (CIO) Search Committee update: The next committee meeting will involve discussion of candidates and possible timeframe for interviews. The job posting is available on the LSUHSC-NO website. Please share with anyone who might be interested:  
<https://www.lsuhs.edu/Administration/hrm/CareerOpportunities/Home/Detail/2003>
- Chart from Chris Vidrine's presentation at the School of Medicine Assembly last month was sent to senators with this agenda as discussed at the last meeting.
- No new information on the state budget. Special session anticipated in June.

#### New Business:

- Parking at UMC: Possibility of UMC creating more physician parking.
- End of year social in the works.

#### Report from LSU Board of Supervisors Meeting, Friday May 4, 2018:

- Senator Chappell attended the meeting and reported the following:
  - Seton Building: State Police leasing office space in exchange for services and University of Louisiana Monroe Pharmacy School leasing office space as well.
  - LSU Health Foundation will be leasing Dibert, Butterworth, Hutchinson, and L&M buildings from LSUHSC-NO.
  - Consequences of budget cuts were discussed.

Reports from Assemblies:

- Allied Health - Family Day scheduled for the end of May
- Dentistry - Same as President's report.
- Graduate Studies - 18 graduates and 19 new students including 6 MD/PHD students
- Medicine - LSU First health insurance recently announced restrictions on prescribing for family members. Faculty would like more information.
- Nursing - National Nurses Week is May 6 - 12. The school has a luncheon and award ceremony. Elections upcoming for 2 senators.
- Public Health - Their diversity committee is reaching out to other committees. Is there a main committee? Many changes recently so more information is needed.
- Library - New Director of Libraries, J. Dale Prince, starts May 14<sup>th</sup>. Library is working on projects to improve access to resources.

Adjournment at 4:10 pm

Submitted by Secretary, Marlene M. Bishop