



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

3:30pm-5:00pm, Zoom

Those present included:

- Allied Health—Kellie Camelford, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn
 - Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar, Waleed Zaid
 - Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari, Diptasri Mandal
 - Library –Marlene Bishop
 - Medicine –Jennifer Hart, Chris Taylor, Judy Crabtree, Sanjay Kamboj, Peter Winsauer, Stefany Primeaux
 - Nursing – Monchielle Bolds, Susan Lee, Rodmistril Allen
 - Public Health – Lee Mc Daniel, Tekeda Ferguson, Henry Nuss, Evrim Oral, Tung Sung Tseng
 - Ex Officio- Rebecca Bealer,
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- Approval of meeting minutes – there was no meeting in April. March minutes were approved via email due to Coronavirus shelter at home orders.

President's Report –

- LSUHSC will release a Return to Campus Activity Plan soon. This is a generic plan that is supplemented by School-specific plans (after May 18) for each of our schools.
 - We are well stocked on PPE and part of this plan includes providing masks to faculty and students on our campus. All should be wearing masks at public spaces.
 - IDs required for entrance
 - Additional hand sanitizer at every entrance
 - New signs reminding to wear masks
 - Decals on the ground at gathering places (cafeteria, registrar, parking, bursar, etc.) showing 6' distancing.
- Construction is continuing on schedule. They have made great progress lately with decreased number of people on campus.
 - The bridge between MEB and CSRB has been held up because we have not yet obtained the air rights from the City of New Orleans.
 - Bridge is assembled, and sitting in a lot by the Seton Building
- The move of our faculty out of 1542 Tulane and into the remodeled ILH is not going to happen for at least another year as construction takes place.

- The agreement with LSUHSC and Delgado is not happening.
 - Delgado accepted an offer from Ochsner for space near their facility on River Road instead of working with LSUHSC on 1452 Tulane.
- The bridge over Tulane Ave to the UMC is still stalled. No movement lately due to budget concerns.
- Construction will begin soon on a new UMC parking deck in the green space right next to the current deck.
- Productivity has been outstanding amongst our faculty
 - Lots of MTAs, 30+ grants submitted
 - Several IP disclosures
- Board of Supervisors Report – There was no meeting in April and the next meeting is May 19.
- New Business
 - The ‘Electric Car Chargers on campus’ discussions have been stalled. We will revisit this at a later date.
 - Executive committee elections- Faculty Senate has three vacancies; President, Secretary and Representative to the Board of Supervisors. Please be thinking about nominating yourself for the position or nominating someone else.

There was a question about statistics of COVID 19 relating to the LSUHSC Campus/ Schools. There is a COVID web page and that may show the answer to the question.

- Reports from Assemblies
 - Allied Health: Pre-commencement ceremonies are planned for May 13 at 10 am.
 - Dentistry: The Dental School has been open and seeing emergency patients during the Covid 19 crisis. Staff have been platooning (rotating) when and where needed. All didactic courses for students are being taught off campus (Zoom) Some Senior Dental Students and Senior Dental Hygiene students will begin seeing patients (starting May 18) to finish their clinical time which is needed for graduation. Friday May 15 will be the ZOOM awards ceremony. Also Honors in Leadership recipients will be doing a 30 minute presentation prior to the awards ceremony. The Dental School will use their own N99 masks which have been developed by the Oral Surgery and Prosthodontic faculty at LSU School of Dentistry.
 - Graduate Studies: CAPS gave a very good presentation for the group.

- Medicine: The state may have budget cuts because of drop in oil price. The School of Medicine will be financially ok because the hospitals are getting money and most of support of SOM come from hospital contracts. The hiring freeze will not affect hiring of necessary services like critical care medicine and Hospitalist.
The zoom interview of finalists have been completed and plan is to call them at campus for final interview. The start date may be delayed to July or August.
- Nursing: The nursing students have been working at East Jefferson Hospital in the ICU and helping with the COVID 19 patients. They have access to Simulation Lab but only by using social distancing and only so many students are allowed at a time. Students are very anxious to get back to campus.
- Public Health: SPH pre-commencement was being held on May 13. Multiple virtual PhD defenses were conducted successfully via zoom (Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Behavioral).
The Dean had been having weekly meetings with faculty, staff, and students to provide updates during the on-line teaching and stay at home order.
Individual programs/department heads have also been having weekly meetings with faculty and separate meeting for students.
Faculty and some students from the SPH have heavily involved in the COVID-19 modeling and working with the LDH.
- Library: Library reported reduced staff on-campus and reduced hours. Increase in the number of ILL requests from our print collections both downtown and at the dental library. Faculty is encouraged to send book requests to Marlene or librarian liaisons. There are a few issues with cleaning crew that have been reported. Also there was an issue concerning the men's bathroom on the 5th floor. That bathroom has been closed until further notice.

Adjournment at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Senator Suzanne K. Farrar