



**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**  
**3:30pm-5:00pm, Hybrid meeting – Zoom and MEB Seminar Room 7**

**Those present included:**

**In-person:**

Graduate Studies: Suresh Alahari  
Library: Marlene Bishop  
Medicine: Judy Crabtree, Sanjay Kamboj, Stefany Primeaux  
Public Health: Andrew Chapple, Tekeda Ferguson  
Ex Officio: Rebecca Bealer

**Online:**

Allied Health: Kellie Camelford, Luther Gill, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn  
Dentistry: Larry Bates, Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar  
Medicine: Jennifer Hart, John Hunt, Chris Taylor, Elizabeth Wisner  
Nursing: David Kalil, Susan Lee, Aimme McCauley  
Public Health: Chih-yang Hu, Evrim Oral

**Welcome:** President Alahari welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest speakers, Chancellor Hollier and Louis Colletta, Chief of Staff

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Mr. Colletta took the podium to answer questions that were received from LSUHSC faculty and submitted to Dr. Hollier prior to the meeting. Below is a summary of the responses.

Regarding COVID vaccinations, LSUHSC-New Orleans was cleared as a pod early on and was able to acquire vaccine for employees and students. We later became an open pod and were able to vaccinate others outside of our institution including over 500 contractors that work on our campuses. Current rate of vaccinated persons at LSUHSC-New Orleans is about 70%. Chancellor Hollier would like to see that above 80%. They will consider surveillance testing if needed. There is enough vaccine for everyone. As it stands, new students will not be required to be vaccinated, but they will be tested and encouraged to get vaccinated. To prevent spread, our campuses will continue to use recommended protocols including a mask mandate, social distancing, hand sanitizer, hand washing, cleaning, etc. The city and state allow work back at 75%, and LSUHSC-New Orleans is following that guideline. LSU Interim President Galligan is currently hoping for full return to campuses in the fall. Those with special needs can follow the process to request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations. LSUHSC-New Orleans received

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, most of which was allocated for financial aid, COVID testing, PPE, vaccinations, and sanitation.

Regarding the budget, Chancellor Hollier said he is optimistic about state funding, however overall budget is still unknown. If he were to consider a cost of living increase, he would need approval from LSU Interim President Galligan.

Regarding Human Resources, a consultant has been evaluating the department for several weeks and vacant positions are being filled. A new Assistant Director of Compensation and Benefits started March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Two positions are currently in the hiring process, Assistant Director of HR Information Systems and an Assistant Director for Talent Management. The Director position has been advertised in multiple places, and they hope to hire for June/July.

Regarding Academic Affairs, Dr. Moerschbaecher, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies, has announced his plans to retire by the summer. He will stay on as Emeritus. There will be a search for a replacement. Approval was received to hire an Assistant/Associate VCAA. Also, the Dean of Graduate Studies is currently tied to that position, but it doesn't have to be.

Regarding the LSU Presidential Search, the search committee met on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman of the search committee wants to close the application process on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and hopes to have a decision made shortly after.

Regarding construction projects:

- CSRB mitigation in progress on all floors. Elevated walkway is in place and will be completed in September or October 2021. Temporary roof is complete and permanent roof should be completed by December 2021.
- Elevated walkway across Tulane construction should begin soon. Contract awarded in January. Timeline for completion is one year.
- CALS (former University Hospital/Hotel Dieu) in progress. Electrical done. Timeline for completion is one year, April 2022.
- Old school building, McDonogh 11, relocation or demo planned for later this year.
- MEB lobby renovation this summer. Timeline for completion is August 2021.
- New housing in progress. Timeline for completion is fall 2022.
- Back-up generator power station - will be able to power the entire campus – Timeline for completion is Fall 2021.
- Additional question asked about renovations of MEB labs – School of Medicine is looking into that but there is no timeline yet.
- Additional question about the old Charity building. The developer has plans but everything is going very slowly. They have leased some of our buildings in the area for their architects.

Regarding electric vehicle charging stations, in the past LSU-Baton Rouge legal counsel said charging stations would not be possible, but Mr. Colletta will bring it up again.

Regarding Roman Street parking garage, UMC's contract was for 207 parking spots on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor from November 2018 for 1 to up to 5 years. The contract ended September 30, 2020. Currently some

students can park in there, and there is a student lot too. Parking services has not been issuing tickets to reduce in-person contact due to COVID. That will resume soon. A suggestion to improve visibility by assigning more “compact cars only” end spots will be considered.

### **Senate Meeting:**

March minutes were approved.

President’s Report: Executive Committee met with Dr. Moerschbaecher on Thursday, April 8. The following items were discussed.

- Administration has two proposals in the works. At some point, this information will be passed on to the senate for review and comment.
  - Establish a centralized clinical trials office.
  - Post tenure review policy for the campus. Will include procedure for unsatisfactory reviews, remediation, and removal.
- Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) annual data report is available, and he will send a copy to share with the senate.
- A new Chancellor’s Memorandum regarding faculty and staff dress code will be announced soon.
- Due to the current LSU-Baton Rouge Title IX issues, the Board of Regents has requested each campus submit a report on local Title IX compliance programs, policies, and procedures. Our campus has completed that report. More information will be shared with the senate once the report has been submitted.
- Search Committee for LSU President will meet Friday, 4/9, and Saturday, 4/10. The Board of Supervisors is also meeting Saturday.
- Regarding return to campus at 75%, there is concern that bringing all employees back at 75% may not take into consideration appropriate social distancing. It was suggested that departments should be able to determine staggered rotations and appropriate spacing for employees.
- Construction updates: The power station is going well, and there is even new landscaping being installed. Bridge over Tulane Ave. should start soon once a staging area can be set up for construction. Other elevated walkways in progress. Clean up of 1542 Tulane outdoor area is still in the works. Atrium in Nursing/AH-MEB will be renovated over the summer.
- Electronic submission system for grants is not yet ready.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Officer nominations needed for next meeting – please send nominations to the Executive Committee.

Report from Board of Supervisors Meeting: Senator Kamboj reviewed the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting information.

- LSUHSC-NO related items:

- Seeking approval of degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation commencement exercises whether they be virtual or on campus: LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans August 14, 2021.
- Request from LSUHSC-NO for Acknowledgment and Approval of a Qualified Assignee for Brookfield District Energy, USA.
- Title IX discussion was a large part of the meeting.

#### Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health – Research Day via Zoom open to everyone on April 14th; Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate nominations through April 30.
- Dentistry – assembly meets next week; ceremony for seniors upcoming.
- Graduate Studies - 6 MD/PhD offers extended out of 12 people interviewed; 4 IDP (PhD) offers extended, still interviewing; 3 MS offers made, still interviewing.
- Medicine - Guest speaker, Ms. Leigh Smith-Vaniz, the Title IX Coordinator. She went over what is covered by Title IX, how to report an incident, and discussed the Title IX webpage. Waiting for updated bylaws to be approved and will be asking for self-nominations for new delegates later this month.
- Nursing - Interviews for SON Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity are ongoing. Candidate interviews should conclude by the end of April.
- Public Health – assembly meets later this week; National Public Health week; Delta Omega honors and poster presentations; faculty discussing return to campus.
- Library – expanded library hours for Phase 3.

#### Adjournment