



Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

3:30pm-5:00pm, Zoom

Those present included:

Allied Health: Kellie Camelford, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn

Dentistry: Larry Bates, Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar

Graduate Studies: Suresh Alahari

Library: Marlene Bishop

Medicine: Judy Crabtree, Jennifer Hart, Sanjay Kamboj, Stephany Primeaux, Chris Taylor, Elizabeth Wisner

Nursing: David Kalil, Susan Lee, Aimme McCauley

Public Health: Andrew Chapple, Tekeda Ferguson, Evrim Oral

Ex Officio: Rebecca Bealer

Welcome

Invited Guest: James "Kirk" Deslatte, Director of Facility Planning

Downtown campus:

- During the heavy rains on Wednesday, November 25th, the CSRB had water intrusion from the top floor due to construction and an area that was not sealed off properly. Water came in from the ceiling during the rain. The 6th floor was badly affected and other floors were modestly affected. Repairs will start after moisture has dissipated.
- Over the holidays there will be an AC outage for all downtown buildings December 28th – 30th to tie in new pumping equipment for the central plant. They will be working 24 hours a day to complete that project.
- Saturday, December 12th, they will be working on the bridge caps and electrical wiring on the top of the walkway between Nursing and MEB.
- Lions 2nd floor renovations to accommodate standby power will be started in the beginning of the new year.
- Construction on walkway from UMC over Tulane Ave. will start soon. There will be an elevator and stairs located at the corner of S. Prieur St. and Tulane Ave., and the new walkway will connect to the existing one at the corner of S. Prieur St. and Gravier St. There will not be a connection to the HDC.
- Construction on walkway from CSRB to MEB will not be complete for another year.
- MEB 1st floor construction is being handled in small phases and will continue over the holiday break.
- New student housing construction has started. Project is estimated to take 18 months.
- "Percent for Art" art received for the HDC.
- 1542 Tulane Ave. construction and outage on December 29th and in early January.
- North side of CSRB will be getting new ac. The south side is complete.

- Interim LSU Hospital site (formerly University Hospital, formerly Hotel Dieu) is now referred to as Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation (CALs) and construction continues.

Dental campus:

- Digital Dentistry Lab is complete
- New locker rooms for students is complete
- New office and conference room are complete

Approval of November meeting minutes.

President's Report – President Alahari and the Executive Committee met with Dr. Moerschbaeher on Thursday, December 3rd. The following items were discussed:

- The Teaching Academy remains on-hold
- LSU President Search is in progress. Dr. Moerschbaeher recommends that the Senate form a committee to participate in the feedback sessions. Volunteers will follow-up with President Alahari.
- Tim Fair, VC for Diversity and Inclusion set to start in mid-December
- There is still funding (~\$32,000) available for faculty development in the area of distance learning. Provide ideas to Dr. Moerschbaeher.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Report from Board of Supervisors Meeting, Friday, December 4th – no report

Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health:
 - No assembly meeting in December
 - Awards committee selections in progress
- Dentistry:
 - Dr. Robert Laughlin was appointed Dean
 - Adopt-an-Angel program going well
 - Hygiene classes are over for the semester
 - Assembly will meet next week
- Graduate Studies – no report
- Medicine:
 - Assembly will meet next week
 - Dr. Cynthia J. Brown will serve as the next Department Head for Internal Medicine
 - Closer to making appointments for Psychiatry and Anesthesiology
- Nursing
 - Increased issues with coping during this pandemic with students, working with CAP to conduct more programs in spring
 - Continuing to work with LSUHSC-Shreveport to expand nurse anesthesia class size

- Received several applicants for the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position
- Extended an offer for the Jo Ellen Smith Endowed Chair for Nursing Research
- Published position statements on several nursing roles to recognize the Year of the Nurse and Midwife
- Plan to begin advertising for a Director of the Nurse Midwifery program
- Interviewing nursing faculty candidates
- Virtual commencement for Fall graduates
- Public Health:
 - Fall semester just ended
 - BSPH program should have first class in June 2021
- Library – no report

Adjournment