



Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
3:30pm-5:00pm, Zoom

Those present included:

Allied Health: Kellie Camelford, Rachel Chappell, Luther Gill, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn
Dentistry: Larry Bates, Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar
Graduate Studies: Suresh Alahari, Diptasri Mandal
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, Chih-yang Hu, Evrim Oral
Ex Officio: Rebecca Bealer

Welcome

Invited Guest: Ken Boe, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, gave a presentation on ongoing IT projects.

The website redesign is going well and is expected to launch in June 2021. The new content manager system includes accessibility requirements. The design is also adaptive to different devices. MyLSUHSC will be utilized more and become a primary access point for internal/employee resources. They continue to develop guidelines and standards. The committees continue to provide valuable input on the process.

A High-Performance Computing (HPC) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) is in process. Chris Taylor is the Principal Investigator on the grant which will provide much needed infrastructure to support computing needs of campus researchers. An HPC cluster should be installed sometime in March.

IT is actively working on security projects to combat ransomware and phishing such as Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA).

Mobile application management project is in the pipeline, probably near the end of 2021 or early 2022.

All LSU institutions will be working to establish IT Governance (structure for aligning strategy with business). Workgroups for certain topics will be created, for example, PeopleSoft, Website, Teaching and Learning, etc. Goal is for stakeholders (faculty, employees) to be involved in decisions.

Invited Guest: Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine, presented information on the LSU President search and an update on COVID testing and vaccinations.

A search committee for the LSU President convened several weeks ago. Dr. Nelson is the only representative from either Health Sciences Center. The committee began by creating a job description for the position, which will continue to lead both the LSU University System and the LSU Baton Rouge campus. Advertisement will run in the following sources: Chronicle of Higher Education, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Women in Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, Inside Higher Education, and the Parker Executive Search website. The goal is to start interviews in February and have a candidate selected by June or July.

The COVID vaccine is being rolled out to hospitals first. LSUSHSC-New Orleans has procured about 6,000 – 7,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination for our pod. Vaccines will be given at the Lions Center building. LSU Healthcare Network appointments are required. Appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis. Two doses of vaccine are required 21 days apart. The goal is to have everyone vaccinated with the first dose within 3 weeks, and then the second vaccine can be administered.

COVID testing continues. PCR testing takes one day. Illumina testing provides genetic sequencing. Will be able to scale up to approximately 380 samples per day. Judy Crabtree is leading the testing.

Meeting

December meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report – President Alahari and the Executive Committee met with Dr. Moerschbaecher on Thursday, January 7th.

The following items were discussed:

- Please pay close attention to the email from the chancellor about special leave that was sent out on January 7th.
- CAP has a new program (Rise-Up) for all students. Initially it was offered only to 12 students, now they are offering it to all students.
- Dr. Paul Fidel has a clinical trial on process and needs volunteers.
- Dr. Charles Nichols is the new IACUC chair.
- Purchased new property near the foundation building to build hotel/conference center. It will be good for CME courses and for visitors to the campus.
- Broke ground for new dormitory building
- We obtained air rights for the bridge from MEB and CSRB, but it will not be ready for another year.
- Dr. Moerschbaecher has about \$27,000 left for the purchase of online educational material. Looking for unique strategies. So far they have acquired laptops to lend, closed captioning for online meetings for Public Health, and interactive anatomy resources for the School of Medicine. Contact him for more information.

Old Business: none

New Business: Follow up on sick leave pool and maternity/paternity leave for faculty/employees. No new information yet. The Committee plans to meet with HR and Chancellor to discuss further. Senate will ask Dr. Canavier to join a future meeting to give an update.

No report from Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health – Assembly awards: Outstanding Clinical Service Award, Molly Brouillette and Service to the Institution, Thuha (Ha) Hoang; Virtual research day is planned for April 14th and George Hebert is the lead on that.
- Dentistry – Vaccinations are priority; they are working on nominations for their Luminary Awards.
- Graduate Studies – no updates; next assembly meeting Wednesday, January 13th.
- Medicine – bylaws update sent to council for approval; assembly award nominations in process
- Nursing – Virtual white coat ceremony was Monday, January 11th
- Public Health – next assembly meeting on Friday, January 15th; evaluation criteria for administrators was distributed
- Library – American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) journals and archives now available.

Adjournment