

LSU Health
NEW ORLEANS
FACULTY SENATE

Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
3:30pm, Zoom

Those present included:

- Allied Health—Kellie Camelford, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn, Scott Rubin
- Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar
- Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari, Diptasri Mandal
- Library – Marlene Bishop
- Medicine –Jennifer Hart, Chris Taylor, Stefany Primeaux, Judy Crabtree, Sanjay Kamboj, John Hunt
- Nursing – Monchielle Bolds, Susan Lee
- Public Health – Lee McDaniel, Henry Nuss, Tekeda Ferguson, Evrim Oral
- Ex Officio- Rebecca Bealer, Bradley Spieler

President Crabtree welcomed Dr. Larry Hollier

President's Report – Dr. Hollier addressed the Faculty Senate on July 14, 2020.

- He stated that there is an increase in new COVID 19 cases. The numbers are going up. Several staff and students have been affected. There have been 2 deaths of support staff/facilities people.
- Antibody testing will begin on July 15 at the downtown campus. It is a simple finger stick and the results are given in 15 minutes. If you are positive, they will offer the acute viral testing and those results are given in 24-72 hours. If that test is positive you will quarantine for 14 days (depending on symptoms, etc.) They plan to replicate the same testing at the dental school possible in two weeks or less.
- He requests that those that have symptoms not come to work or school.
- Some personnel changes have happened.
 - John Harman Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance has stepped down. Keith Schroth is serving as Interim VCAF.
 - Cori Higginson is the new Assistant Director of Human Resources. They will be hiring 3-5 more HR personnel. They need to correct the problems in HR.
 - The position of Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion has been getting much interest. They have many applications at this point. This position would report directly to the Chancellor and would oversee the diversity efforts at all

schools. This position would also be responsible for the LSUHSC University Police.

- The city had a meeting and the exemption for construction was approved for student housing. The developers will go to the Bond Market in October. They intend to break ground in December 2020 or January 2021. Hopefully they will be ready for the fall semester 2022.
- Approval was received for the capital outlay funding of the Interim Hospital. Funding also was approved for the long awaited pedestrian walkway over Tulane Avenue. It will connect the UMC parking lot to the Human Development Center and will include an elevator. It will also continue on to meet and connect with the existing walkway.
- Of course there has been a decrease in revenue from our faculty practices but hopefully when we open back up fully for elective procedures revenue will go up.
- The budget was not reduced by the state. He stated that ‘we can weather the storm’
- We are getting some reimbursements / refunding to us because of COVID 19 and the CARES ACT.
- In the end of the special session, Louisiana lawmakers passed a bill that would provide \$250 “hazard pay” for frontline workers. The \$250 payments would be available to workers with an adjusted gross income on their 2019 tax return of \$50,000 or less and who had to report to a job outside of their home for at least 200 hours from March 22 through May 14. They would have to hold one of the long lists of jobs considered “essential critical infrastructure” under the bill.
 - Impacts a small number of people at LSUHSC
 - Frontlineworks.la

Once the Chancellor had addressed the Senate and retreated from our meeting we resumed our meeting.

- The June 2020 Minutes were approved.
President Crabtree gave her report.
- Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion – new position has been posted on HR website. In process of setting the search committee.
- Return to work testing – still in planning. Dr. Jayne Weiss has been appointed to lead this effort
 - CDC has issued guidance for reopening of colleges and universities that can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>
 - Testing is voluntary, but recommended
 - Leave issue still in flux if positive and require self-quarantine
 - If sick, take sick leave
 - If not symptomatic and can work, request work from home if possible
- There was a reporting tool for those of us working on COVID-related activities that was discontinued in June. No replacement has been announced.

- \$250 “hazard pay” for frontline workers was discussed.
- Construction still ongoing
 - Still have not received the air rights for bridge from CSRB to MEB
 - Other construction proceeding as scheduled on UMC parking deck, power station by the Roman garage and the first floor of MEB.
 - No new information on the bridge to UMC over Tulane Ave
 - If you wish to receive the weekly construction updates, please visit <https://www.lsuhsu.edu/admin/pfm/project.aspx> and sign up.

Board of Supervisors Report – next meeting 7/14/2020

Old Business

- Revisiting electric car chargers on campus – no movement
- Moving forward with faculty evaluation system – next meeting on 7/17/2020.
- The signs on the ramps in the parking lot seem to be position incorrectly. President Crabtree will follow up on this,

New Business

- The slate of officers were unanimously elected
 - President-Elect: Tekeda Ferguson, SOPH
 - Secretary: Marlene Bishop, Library
 - Board of Supervisors Representative: Sanjay Kamboj, SOM

Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health:
 - Faculty Assembly elections were held.
- Dentistry:
 - There will be a 35 % discount to all Non- Faculty UMC employees for Dental care.
 - The ‘testing’ pilot program was started to have patients tested on the dental school campus prior to receiving treatment at the dental school
 - Orientation for sophomore, junior and senior dental students is scheduled.
 - The simulation lab is being utilized much more now.
- Graduate Studies
 - They reported they have 7 new graduate students.
 - Graduate Research day was held virtually which were 5 minute presentations.
- Medicine
 - Dr. Stefany Primeaux has been elected as the new Faculty Assembly president.
 - Dr. Nelson is finalizing the search for the Chair of Medicine and Psychiatry and will be chosen sometime in August
 - COVID Heroes were recognized
 - Students are back doing clinical service. If the student feels uncomfortable they will be doing telemedicine instead.
- Nursing
 - There have been alternate schedules made.

- A meeting will be held tomorrow to see about the fall and the VIRTUAL new student orientations.
- Public Health
 - The Faculty Assembly meeting is Friday July 17 and their Dean will be in attendance.
 - The education classes in fall will be on line for the Master's level.
 - PhD level will be face to face classes
 - 3 new Senators were elected.
 - Some updates to APT with Bylaws change.
- Library
 - The Dental Library have increase their hours to 5 days, M-F 8am-5pm, closed on the weekends.
 - The downtown Library hours have not changed.
 - The School of Medicine has paid for ClinicalKey from Elsevier

Adjournment 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Suzanne Farrar