



FACULTY SENATE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Held via 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
Library: Marlene Bishop
Medicine: Judy Crabtree, Jennifer Hart, John Hunt, Ernest James, Sanjay Kamboj, Stephany Primeaux, Chris Taylor, Elizabeth Wisner
Nursing: Monchienne Bolds, David Kalil, Susan Lee, Aimme McCauley
Public Health: Andrew Chapple, Tekeda Ferguson, Lee McDaniel
Ex Officio: Rebecca Bealer

Welcome

Invited Guest: Chancellor Hollier

Chancellor Hollier was unable to attend. Louis Colletta, Chief Council, attended in his absence. There was discussion regarding new and vacant leadership positions and search committees. New positions include Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, Chief of Staff, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Vacant positions include Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Dean of the Dental School, and Director of Human Resources. All searches are in progress.

Invited Guest: Interim Director of Human Resources, Cori Higginson

Ms. Higginson gave an update from Human Resources. They would like to start monthly "Town Hall" meetings with each school, and they will be expanding professional development training opportunities. The Human Resources staff are available to assist and answer questions anytime.

Faculty senate meeting

September meeting minutes: approved

President's Report:

President Alahari met with Dr. Moerschbaeher on Wednesday, October 7th, via phone call. Dr. Moerschbaeher asked to share a new LSUHSC and School of Medicine video with the senators: <https://vimeo.com/457851906/9636d811e1>. The video was announced at School of Medicine Administrative Council. No other updates were given.

Old Business:

Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion search: One candidate withdrew from the search, so there are now two candidates. A group of senators has been invited to meet with those candidates on October 27th and November 3rd at 11 am: Suresh Alahari, Marlene Bishop, Stephen Brisco, Rachel Chappell, Tekeda Ferguson, Luther Gill, Evrim Oral, and Stefany Primeaux. There will also be a Town Hall meeting with each candidate from 3 – 4:30 pm on those dates. Dr. Patricia Molina sent an email announcement regarding that last month.

Coffee for a Cause funds were donated to Hurricane Laura relief fund organized by a School of Graduate Studies student. We can consider restarting Coffee for a Cause after the COVID pandemic.

New Business: none

Report from Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Senator Kamboj reported. *Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Approve an Intent to Lease Agreement between the LSU Health Foundation and the LSU Board of Supervisors for the Lease of the Clinical Education, Dibert, and L&M Buildings* was approved. *Request to Authorize an Intent to Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation for the Utilities Modernization Initiative* was approved. This appears to be in regards to the main campus in Baton Rouge only. For more information see September 29 meeting notes: <https://lsu.edu/bos/minutes.php>.

Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health:
 - School committees are convening.
 - Classes are mostly hybrid with some small groups and labs meeting in person.
- Dentistry:
 - Oct 2nd was white coat ceremony in person with social distancing.
 - Didactics continue via Zoom.
 - Continue to see patients.
- Graduate Studies:
 - Graduate Student day to be scheduled in November.
- Medicine:
 - Assembly met on Oct 1st. Dr. Wayne Backes, Associate Dean for Research, was guest speaker.
 - They are updating their bylaws with particular emphasis on the election process and eligibility.
 - Allison Augustus-Wallace has initiated a new task force on historically excluded faculty, diversity, and inclusion. Their first meeting will be held on Oct 19th.
- Nursing:
 - Faculty Senate - new senator elected, Aimme McCauley, and David Kalil elected for a second term.
 - Virtual white coat ceremony was held

- Initiated Dean's Diversity Dialogue: *Black Angels* film on Thursday. Announcing new position of Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Planning a diversity, equity and inclusion student internship program.
- Other plans: Research development seminars for faculty; admitting our spring BSN class; initiating new PhD program; proposing on-line RN to BSN program; nursing school retreat; nursing student ambassador program.
- Re-started our coffee for a cause on Friday's.
- School of Nursing will be partnering with LSU Healthcare network to open a Covid clinic.

- Public Health:
 - October assembly meeting upcoming.
 - Updating bylaws regarding promotion and tenure.
 - Requested extension from Board of Supervisors regarding the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) program.
 - Undergoing diversity training, 6 session process – all faculty and staff are participating.
 - Preparing for Spring classes to continue online.

- Library
 - Some instructors are providing students with incorrect links to library resources in their syllabi and Moodle. Please inform instructors that in order for students to be appropriately authenticated to access our subscribed resources, links need to be formatted a certain way. Double check your links before sharing and contact the library if you would like assistance with links and our resources.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Marlene M. Bishop, Secretary