

**LSU Health**  
NEW ORLEANS  
**FACULTY SENATE**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**  
**3:30pm-5:00pm, CSRB 563**

Those present included:

Allied Health— Luther Gill, Alanna Glapion, Megan Majoue (also proxy for Brittney Wright), Amber Weydert,

Dentistry—Thomas Lallier, Diedra Brewer-Hohensee, A. C. Liles, Molly Rosebush

Graduate Studies— Doug Johnston (also proxy for Andrew Catling)

Medicine— Allison Augustus-Wallace, Jennifer Cameron (also proxy for Judy Crabtree), Jennifer Hart, Sanjay Kamboj, Michelle Korah-Sedgwick, Brian Lochlann McGee, Stefany Primeaux, Maria Reinoso

Nursing— Shelly Dolan, Aimme McCauley, Jolie Harris, Sam Mauldin, Jessica Teeter

Public Health—Mei-Chin Hsieh, Chih-yang Hu, Henry Nuss, Tung-Sung Tseng, Susanne Straif-Bourgeois

Ex-Officio—Rebecca Bealer (also proxy for Sharon Duffy)

**Welcome and call to order by President McCauley 3:34pm**

In accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article 12, Section 3, and La. R.S. 42:11-28, the Faculty Senate Meeting for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans is hereby convened.

**Approval of September 2023 meeting minutes**

Motion by Senator Lallier, Second by Senator McGee

**President's Report (President McCauley)**

Staff Senate:

- Implementation and development is underway.
- Staff Senate will be under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance.

Online Moodle Support from LSU Main Campus:

- There is consensus for this from all six schools at LSUHSC. Other campuses such as LSUA and LSUE are already utilizing this type of support for Moodle.
- The Senate will reach out to Kappie Mumphrey, director of LSU Online and Continuing Education at Baton Rouge Main Campus, and invite her to speak with us about services and support that is available.
- Our concerns are about funding and satisfaction with the support.

Search for Registrar:

- The search for director of the Registrar's office is underway; it is being headed by Erin Dugan (School of Allied Health).
- Dr Southerland wants to hire experienced people in this type of office to support functionality. She wants HR to also hire experienced staff to fill the open positions.

#### Financial Aid Office:

- Operational planning and groundwork with Blue Icon, a consulting service, has started and implementation has been a success so far.

#### SACS Reaccreditation:

- HSC is on target with planning and preparation for this reaccreditation.

#### Chancellor Search:

- Steering committee is expected to have their first retreat soon.
- Application has been closed. Up to 30 applicants, which is a nice pool of candidates to work with.

#### Fall 2023 Graduation:

- All should be aware there will be a campus-wide Fall 2023 Graduation and Commencement ceremony. All schools should have been contacted by Registrar and asked to submit names of all graduates who are eligible for this event. If names still need to be submitted, the schools should contact the Registrar right away so the students can be included.
- Dr Southerland expects the same level of participation in this graduation as the spring. Schools should check with their Dean for local guidance.
- Clarification: Faculty attendance at Graduation is not mandatory. *(post-meeting addendum – the VCAA would like all Deans to be present. Faculty are not required to attend. This clarification was emailed to faculty on 10/12)*

#### LSU-HSC Hunger Free Campus designation:

- All LSU campuses have received funding as part of this designation. Several schools, including Nursing and Public Health, have been working to organize food pantries for their students. Dr Southerland wants these efforts redirected to a campus-wide initiative to serve all, including staff.
- Vouchers for food banks are available as well.
- We are looking to identify Champions on this initiative to assemble a Hunger Task Force to lead these efforts. Send names to Dr McCauley. Dr. Kendra Barrier, School of Medicine, and Donna Williams, Public Health, have been identified. The hope is to keep momentum on this effort now that we have this designation.

#### **Board of Supervisors Report (Senators Kamboj and Nuss)**

Next BOS meeting October 20, December meeting will be on our campus at 9am in the Lio's Eye Building. Prior to the meeting at 8am, the Council of Faculty Advisors will be meeting – likely in the very same meeting space.

#### **Old Business**

##### LSU Online Moodle Support and Services:

- Faculty Senate is planning to engage Kappie Mumphrey, VP of LSU Online and CPD, to speak with Faculty Senate about Moodle Support services.

#### **New Business**

##### Fall 2023 Commencement and Graduation

- All graduates should be reported to Registrar's Office for Fall Commencement

- Expectation is that full ceremony will be held
- Questions arose regarding Jung Hotel Large Grand Hall capacity of 1,350 – will this be sufficient? Dr McCauley will look into it.
- Board of Supervisors need to be present to confirm the degrees, per Louisiana State Law
- All banners will be present regardless of whether or not students are graduating
- Dr Southerland wants all students to have the opportunity to participate in graduation in a timely manner and have their degrees confirmed by the Board of Supervisors
- Concerns if faculty need to be present if no students are graduating

#### Hunger Free Campus designation –

- Schools need to coordinate efforts, food banks, and drives.
- Senator Brewer is working with Donna Williams in AH, Kendra Barrier is spearheading for SON, remaining HSC schools to collaborate with current stakeholders and office of DEI to unify efforts.

### **Reports from Assemblies**

#### Allied Health –

- All faculty support Moodle Support from LSUOnline,
- Chancellor search recommendations submitted to search committee
- Currently recruiting for new faculty
- AH faculty support efforts regarding faculty wellness such as having an Assistant Dean of Faculty Wellness or having more faculty in general to support overstretched faculty

#### Dentistry –

- Change of leadership; Dr. Southerland acting as Interim Dean for School of Dentistry
- CODA accreditation upcoming
- Search for new dean will begin after CODA, which will be March 2024 at the earliest

#### Graduate Studies –

- Research Day November 3
  - Discussion that this event used to include faculty from all HSC schools
  - General consensus is that this should be revived

#### Medicine –

- SOM will lead program/research for NCI designation

#### Nursing –

- 90th Anniversary Celebration in November
- Looking into Lexicomp resource for SON; AH reports that their students utilize Lexicomp through Axion EHR

#### Public Health –

- 20th anniversary celebration
- New faculty in endowed professorship role

#### Library –

- Open Access Week activities October 23-27 at both Libraries; Open House, presentations, documentary viewing, and an Escape Room! All are welcome. Flyer will be sent to all Senators.

**Other Discussion:**

- Senators request more transparency regarding strategic planning process with ECG as well as Blue Icon – faculty request to know the model or frameworks being applied.
- Senators request evaluation of FTE composition and workload study to determine number of faculty are appropriate – senior senators state that this has never been conducted to their knowledge.
- Senator would like to see again the numbers reported by Mr. Lousteau in his address to faculty senate. The numbers verbalized during his presentation were not documented in the minutes.
- Follow up to room numbers being changed in Allied Health building; additional number added to top of the door and the door frame (different numbers); still very confusing. Facilities is in charge of choosing the number that will be used. The Room Reservation system will not be changed until Facilities makes their decisions.

**Public Commentary** (2 minutes) – no public present

**Adjourn** – Motion by Senator Dolan, Second by Senator Johnston. 4:36pm.