Faculty Senate Minutes June 14, 2005

President Jacob called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Members present: Allied Health – Larry Broussard, Robert Rowe, David Pariser; Dental School – Cathy Springstead, Johnny Porter, Don Layman; Graduate School – Kurt Varner: Library – Jennifer Lloyd; Medicine – Bob Richards, Jean Jacob, Paula Gregory, Dan Kupusta, Thomas Wolf, Greg Bagby; Nursing – Susan Rick, Ann Byerly, Patricia Beare, Charlene Coco; Public Health – Catherine Correa.

Guests: Chief Lesley Bass and Ronald Gardner

President Jacob introduced Chief Bass and Mr. Gardner to discuss several security issues and thefts that have occurred around the Health Sciences Center. Chief Bass informed the Senate of the recent thefts that have occurred at the Dental School. Dean Hovland has appointed a committee of himself and Drs. Lemon and McDonald to develop both a short and long term security plan for the Dental School. Locks on the 6th, 7th and 8th floors have been changed to all offices and laboratories. Replacement of all locks at the School is being implemented and should be completed in the near future. In addition, video cameras are being placed throughout the Dental School to alert Security of persons moving about during off hours. With regard to students and their newly acquired laptop computers and other personal equipment, Security will engrave their names and other identification on them at no cost.

Mr. Gardner pointed out that since some of the security measures have been in place, there has been a sharp reduction in thefts at the Dental School. He encouraged faculty to be diligent in safeguarding their personal property. Both Chief Bass and Mr. Gardner pointed out that the HSC has a low rate of thefts compared to other HSC located in other areas. However, other measures could be taken to insure greater security for the HSC such as installing sensor to detect property removed from campus. Sensors have been suggested in the past, but the administration has not acted upon this.

Nursing voiced a complaint about security parking trucks in particular spaces in the Roman Street garage that obscures the view of pedestrians walking to the clinics. Chief Bass was uncertain of the complaint since Security does not park trucks in that space during the day. No other faculty was aware of the parking this parking issue.

The May Senate minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

President Jacob referred to PM-36 dealing with computer systems security. She felt that all Senators should be familiar with its contents.

Senators thanked Jean Jacob and Don Layman for their service to the Senate this year

Respectfully submitted, Don Layman, Secretary