

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – June 12th, 2012

Administration Building

Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor

3:30pm

President Levitzky called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan and Scott Rubin

Dentistry – S. Brisco and Elizabeth Strother

Graduate Studies – Ted Weyand

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Jerome Breslin, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, and M. Levitzky

Nursing – Marjorie Kraus and Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Zhide Fang, Joseph Hagan, Neal Simonsen and Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd and Dennis Paul

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Rennie Jacobs, Jerald James, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – Suzanne Farrar and Tom Lallier

Graduate Studies – Suresh Alahari

Library – n/a

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Joy Sturtevant (excused), and Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Randy Rosamond (excused), and Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods

Public Health – Dan Harrington (excused)

Ex Officio – n/a

I. Approval of April 2012 Minutes – unanimous

II. President's Report

1. Budget – not yet finalized and hopefully not as bad as feared;
2. Daycare – discussed the issue with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher who was optimistic that progress was being made
3. Recycling - Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher suggested that students are already taking charge in this issue but there remain collection problems due to overall limited housekeeping staff
4. Cafeteria quality – a committee is being formed to address the problem; the current LSUHSC contract with Sodexo has more than one year remaining
5. Technology Transfer Office – hired Patrick Reed from the GT foundation
6. Graduate Studies – search for a new Coordinator of Student Affairs is ongoing
7. Campus Traffic – working to improve traffic flow around campus
8. Emergency Preparedness Plan – done and awaiting the Chancellor's signature
9. Promotion – Congratulations to President Elect Dugan

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS)

1. COFA

- i. LSU-BR Faculty Senate President Kevin Cope met with Interim President William Jenkins who reported surprised that things were worse than expected, regarding issues such as inequities in faculty compensation at different institutions; he suspects the search for a new President will be a slow process
- ii. ORP – per HB 1131, employer compensation will be reduced from 5.9 to 5.4% with the difference going to the unfunded liability

2. BOS

- i. Healthcare and Medical Education Committee – still finalizing the budget, particularly with regard to the health sciences centers; noted significant challenges to pursuing healthcare delivery missions
- ii. Moratorium on new programs lifted per Board of Regents
- iii. SB 20 – retirees can come back to work as “adjuncts” at max pay of 25% plus retirement
- iv. BP mental health grant – 15 million dollar grant provisionally awarded to LSUHSC for mental health issues stemming from the BP oil spill

IV. Old Business

1. See President’s Report

V. New Business –

1. Student access to PeopleSoft – students now able to sign in and perform functions such as printing unofficial transcripts
2. Faculty Senate Elections for office as follows:
 - i. President-Elect – Costa Dimitriadis
 - ii. Secretary – Jerald James
 - iii. BOS Representative – Lynn LaMotte
3. Grant application – sustainable acquisition plan passed on to research committee; Senator Breslin to speak with Senator James

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. **Education Committee** – No report
- ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – will review and make recommendations to Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher regarding HSC standing committees and will make the recommendation that ad hoc committees have FS representation
- iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – see New Business
- iv. **Information Technology** – See President’s Report
- v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – No report
- vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – Met to review possible actions regarding the lack of a daycare facility for the institution and overall poor quality of the MEB cafeteria
- vii. **Research** – No report

2. Faculty Assemblies

- i. **Allied Health** – Family Day was June 9th; General Faculty Meeting on June 26th with FA elections
- ii. **Dentistry** –

1. FA Election results –
 - a. Tom Giacona – President
 - b. Richard Ballard – President Elect
 - c. Liz Strother – Secretary
2. The cafeteria is slated for opening next month
- iii. **Graduate Studies** – Met recently; need to work on replacing “Masters” studies
The BOR characterized all of our basic science MS programs as having low completion. We propose to combine them into one MS in Health Science.
- iv. **Library** – No report
- v. **Medicine** – New Faculty Assembly President is Murtaza (Z) Ali
- vi. **Nursing** – No report
- vii. **Public Health** – New Faculty Assembly President is Julia Volaufova

Motion to cancel July FS meeting approved.

The Faculty Senate acknowledged President Levitzky’s service over the past year with numerous accomplishments.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 4:11pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD

Faculty Senate Secretary

July 3, 2012