



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

3:30pm, Zoom

Those present included:

- Allied Health – Rachel Chappell, Brittney Wright, Luther Gill
- Dentistry – Stephen Brisco, Xiaoming Xu, Diedra Brewer, Larry Bates
- Graduate Studies – Doug Johnston, Suresh Alahari
- Library – Marlene Bishop
- Medicine – Judy Crabtree, Jennifer Cameron, Stefany Primeaux, Kelly Gajewski, Jennifer Hart, John Hunt, Sanjay Kamboj,
- Nursing – Cathy McAtee, Aimme McCauley, Susan Lee (proxy for Adele Harrell)
- Public Health – Andrew Chapple, Lee McDaniel, Evrim Oral
- Ex Officio- Rebecca Bealer

Absent: Elizabeth Wisner, Amber Weydert, George Hebert, Chihyang Hu

Meeting was called to order by President Judy Crabtree at 3:32pm.

Motion to approve the December minutes was forwarded by Sanjay Kamboj and seconded by Kelly Gajewski. Motion passed.

Presidents Report

Executive committee met with VCAA Porche

- Animal Care has been having staffing struggles due to COVID cases amongst staff. They have been asking for volunteers and incoming deliveries have been canceled. Short term staffing options being considered include student workers.
- Promotion and Tenure packets are due to the System office on February 15, 2022. The packets from all schools are currently in HR, will be returned to Drs. Porche/Nelson for final review before they are submitted to Baton Rouge. Unclear what the review process will be in Baton Rouge.
- Commencement meeting was held – hoping for in-person commencement in May, dependent on COVID. They are reviewing the operations manual and will be meeting monthly in preparation.
- Student Affairs Committee held a meeting where they approved several requests for student organizations. Those not approved were approached for additional information. They are looking at our policies and how the CMs guide our policies in general and specifically with respect to how these groups handle money flow. This includes queries about using foundation accounts instead of bank checking accounts, ability to accept third party payment methods such as Venmo, etc.
- A new plywood construction wall has been erected on the 5th floor of the library to do work on the elevators to allow direct access. The administration has been in contact with Mr. Dale Prince, Director of Libraries, to discuss future plans for the library including space planning and converting print collections to digital collections. Dr. Porche is expecting the library staff to be involved in this process as it proceeds.

- No update on general construction work around campus with the exception of there have been some communication problems in Animal Care with Drs. Birke and Caro not aware of upcoming construction in their area.
- Several investigations of research misconduct are ongoing within SOM. Two have finalized investigations and recommendations have been returned to Dr. DiCarlo. A third has completed the investigation and rebuttal is in progress. A fourth was reported over the holidays and this is in the inquiry stage, no investigation has been launched yet.

Special Guest: Dr. Timothy Fair, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Fair presented the past accomplishments of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion including:

- The launch of a diversity and inclusion audit process designed to assess school-based DEI efforts;
- The design of a strategic diversity action planning process and handbook which will help our academic and administrative units chart an inclusive path forward;
- The coordination of a Brave Space Discussion Series and a DEI Learning Lab Series, which helped us increase our knowledge of principles of inclusive excellence;
- The onboarding of two new director-level professionals—to oversee the development of training and programmatic efforts and to develop skills and competencies that will ultimately enhance our campus climate. To date, requests for programs and educational sessions are in high demand;
- Facilitated nearly 250 consultations with faculty, staff, and students, providing consultative and advisory services on various matters of organizational importance;
- The creation of the Council on Inclusive Excellence and Diversity and the Student Council for Equity-Focused Leaders;
- The development of a centralized bias reporting tool which will launch later this semester;
- And a variety of workshops, presentations, trainings, and lectures that have elevated our organizational capacity for inclusive leadership.

Dr. Fair expects the bias reporting system to go live in mid-February.

Board of Supervisors Report – no BOS meeting since last report

Old Business

- Letter to Senator Edwin Murray regarding crosswalks – still pending, Dr. Crabtree to draft
- Moodle – Last meeting some concerns were voiced about differences in the look and features of the LSUHSC version of Moodle versus that on the Baton Rouge campus. Senators Crabtree, Primeaux and Oral met with Ken Boe, Laurie Jennings, and Randy Rappold from the IT department on 1/5/2022. Moodle is open source with thousands of plug-ins available. These plug-ins can be adopted at the individual faculty level, the School level or at the Campus level. We need to ask our assemblies what plugins we would like added to our functionality and provide feedback to IT. Further, IT had planned an update to Moodle for the Christmas holiday – this was not able to happen and is now scheduled for Summer after Spring classes are complete. This update will move Moodle from the current v3.5 to the more updated v3.9 and should improve the look/feel of the Moodle interface.
 - Motion was made by Stefany Primeaux to establish a subcommittee to look into the plugins most useful to faculty, seconded by Aimee McCauley. Subcommittee

includes Stefany Primeaux, Evrim Oral, Aimee McCauley, Amber Weydert, and other key opinion leaders not on Senate including Maureen Basha, Ariane Rung and potentially Laurie Jennings from IT.

- The Moodle training info from IT is here:
 - Online learning opportunities for Moodle [Moodle Academy](#)
 - Link to documentation for version 3.9 [MoodleDocs](#)
 - For your reference and interest, the Moodle demo site is:
<https://moodle.org/demo>.

- Need to followup with Dr. Porche regarding the dress code submissions.

New Business – None

Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health:
 - SAHP is unhappy with Moodle, ease of access
 - Students are having issues with health blocks on their accounts which restrict enrollment and financial aid. Doesn't appear to be easy ways to remove blocks once information has been provided. (Dr. Crabtree to follow up with Dr. Porche regarding Student Health Clinic)
 - Access to Allied Health/Nursing building is not easy for patients with ambulatory care challenges – many of the spaces in the front of the building are being occupied by the many construction workers on campus. (Dr. Crabtree to follow up with John Ball to see if there is anything that can be done about this)
- Dentistry:
 - Last meeting was in December - Dr. Nelson joined as special guest to discuss the changes in leadership at the Dental School.
 - Sandra Andrieu is now acting dean since Laughlin was removed as a result of 40+ complaints and a formal investigation.
 - Search for a new dean is pending
- Graduate Studies
 - Meeting is tomorrow
 - Last report indicated no applicants to the graduate program – this was apparently a glitch in the process. There are now more than 40 applicants for next Fall.
- Medicine
 - Met Jan 6
 - Renovations are in the planning stages for MEB floors 5-7.
 - Working on Faculty Assembly Awards which will include a new DEI award
- Nursing
 - Faculty Assembly meets on Jan 24
 - Major question from faculty is “Where do we get masks?” – Senate informed them that masks are available from the Library circulation desk.
 - Have hired 1-2 new faculty
- Public Health
 - No December meeting, January meeting is next week
- Library
 - The downtown library is distributing KN-95 masks at the Circulation Desk (3rd floor Resource Center).

- Students are reporting "bad links" to library resources on their syllabi and in Moodle. Instructors should test links before sharing, and librarians can help with this process. Please contact your librarian liaison for assistance.
- The Collection Development department received the spring textbook information that was reported to the VCAA and the Board of Regents. If you did not provide textbook data as part of that program, please send your textbook lists to your librarian liaison. If you would like the library to acquire a book for a class, please let us know at least 6 weeks before your class starts. If you would like assistance reviewing our existing collection to identify books to use in your course, please reach out to your librarian liaison.
- Interviews are in process to hire new Research and Education Librarian.
- Business manager, Mike Fallon, retired, and interviews for a replacement are in progress.
- Carolyn Bridgewater, Reference Librarian and liaison to Allied Health, is retiring, and Kathy Kerdolff will be assisting Allied Health in the meantime.
- Library web page: <https://www.lsuhs.edu/library/>
- Main phone: 504-568-6100; Chat also available on our web page.
 - Librarian liaisons: <https://www.lsuhs.edu/library/services/liaison.aspx>
 - Allied Health School Liaison, Kathy Kerdolff, kkerdo@lsuhs.edu, 504-568-6102
 - Dentistry School Liaison, Julie Schiavo, jschia@lsuhs.edu, 504-941-8162
 - Graduate Studies School Liaison, Kathy Kerdolff, kkerdo@lsuhs.edu, 504-568-6102
 - Medicine School Liaison, Kathy Kerdolff, kkerdo@lsuhs.edu, 504-568-6102
 - Nursing School Liaison, Lori Spradley, lspra1@lsuhs.edu, 504-568-8339
 - Public Health School Liaison, vacant – contact any reference librarian or email reference@lsuhs.edu

Adjournment 5:04pm

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Judy Crabtree