

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting Minutes Tuesday December 10, 2024 3:30pm-5:00pm, CSRB-563

Those present included:

Allied Health - Brittany Hall, Brandon Walker, Amber Weydert Dentistry - Diedra Brewer-Hohensee (also proxy for A. C. Liles), Thomas Lallier, Molly Rosebush, Charles Taylor Graduate Studies – Sonia Gasparini Medicine - Suresh Alahari, Allison Augustus-Wallace, Jennifer Cameron, Jennifer Hart, , Michelle Korah-Sedgwick (also proxy for Sanjay Kamboj), Brian Lochlann McGee, Maria Reinoso Nursing - Laura Bonanno (also proxy for Jolie Harris), Colleen Story (proxy for Shelly Dolan) Public Health - Mei-Chin Hsieh, Chih-yang Hu, Henry Nuss, Susanne Straif-Bourgeois, Tung-Sung Tseng Library – Sharon Duffy Ex-Officio - Rebecca Bealer, Aimme McCauley (also proxy for Sam Mauldin (SON)) Absent: Luther Gill and Megan Majoue (Allied Health), Andrew Catling (Graduate Studies)

Welcome and call to order by President Lallier at 3:30PM

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.

Administrative Updates

Dr Peter DeBlieux - for Hunger Free Campus Workforce

- Shared flyer about Holiday Food Drive on campus
- Baskets will be made available to any students/staff/faculty/employees on our campus who are facing food insecurity
- Items can be placed in drop boxes around campus and QR code available for financial donations
- Last day to donate is December 13
- Flyer is included with the minutes and was sent to Senators after the meeting

Marykay Thevis - Executive Director of Communications and Marketing

- She has been in her new role for about 4 weeks
- Working on PR, Social Media, and Communications/Marketing to start
- Has added an admin and plans to grow a team; assessing the needs at this time Question about organizing the internal social media accounts around campus: Response: She plans to reach out to local account administrators and discuss consistent messaging, sharing/liking content, etc in the near future.

Ben Lousteau - Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance

- Update about impact of Super Bowl on student parking and campus:
 - LSUHSC is getting \$300,000 for use of three parking lots along Poydras during the Super Bowl events
 - These student lots will be closed to students from Jan 16 Mar 1, 2025

- The grassy area behind CSRB will close Jan 6.
- Repaying of Perdido St and other streets on campus by the city will start next week (12/16/2024)
- These lot closures will impact both students who reside on campus and commuters
- We are getting tickets to the NFL Super Bowl Experience (event at Convention Center) to share with students; still working on how to distribute to our students; number of tickets is in the hundreds; priority will be given to resident students
- The primary parking alternative for commuter students (and others) will be the Gravier Garage (old 1542 garage). It has been cleaned and prepared to serve as secure parking option during this time. Students can use the elevated crosswalks to access campus buildings.
- Resident students will be able to park in Perdido Lot 1 and will have 24/7 security
- Email communication will be sent to students regarding these changes on 12/11/2024; will include a link to a map with locations to alternate parking.
- The Roman Street garage will not open up additional floors to students. However, additional spaces have been added to floors 6 & 7 to accommodate several more vehicles.
- There will be increased security at the Gravier garage. The dedicated security guard from the Poydras lots will be moved to the garage.
- There will be an overall increase in State Police presence on campus from January through Mardi Gras.
- A new parking app will be utilized during this time. It will be similar to Park Zen which is used by LSU campus. The name is Park LSUHealth N.O.
 - Available on Android and Apple devices
 - Crowdsourced parking information so all students/faculty/employees will be encouraged to use it to generate more useful data
 - It will allow users to see the capacity of parking lots and garages on campus so those arriving know the best places to park.
 - Email will be sent when it is ready to go live.
- Installation of a building wrap is being considered to increase name and site recognition during the high visibility time of the Super Bowl
 - Would be similar to wrap installed after LSU football championship season
 - Would be up for several years due to the large investment cost
 - Would cover portions of the Nursing building and cover windows; mostly a tinting effect and not complete blockage
 - Could cover 3-5 floors of the building
 - In the mock-up phase at this time; no final decision has been made
- Billboards will continue to be used to highlight our institution during the Super Bowl time; Lamar Advertising inquired about purchasing our portion of the rotating signs but we declined

Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes

Minutes approved in motion by Sen McGee, Second by Sen. McCauley

Faculty Handbook Committee Update – Sen Allison Augustus-Wallace

- Presentation slides with proposed changes are included with the minutes
- Discussion was held on all proposed changes. Revisions will be shared with the Senate. They will be revisited at the January meeting.

Adjourn at 5:15 - Motion by Sen. McGee, Second by Sen. Gasparini

Reports from Assemblies (Submitted electronically after the meeting due to time constraints)

Allied Health:

• Strategic Planning Retreat

The Strategic Planning Retreat occurred this week. The anticipated rollout for the Strategic Plan is in February 2025.

- EPIC Electronic Health Record Rollout The EPIC Electronic Health Record rollout for Allied Health practice clinics is scheduled for January. This initiative aims to promote increased collaboration with clinics on campus.
- Task Force Promotion & Tenure The Task Force on Promotion & Tenure will be reaching out to other schools to discuss policies related to committee development.
- Student Recruitment Specialist Starting in December, the Student Recruitment Specialist will be reaching out to collaborate with all schools.
- AH Sim Lab Ad Hoc Task Force
 Task Force committee for lab policies and procedures has been established for the AH
 Simulation Lab.

Graduate Studies:

• The Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences just finished the first semester of the new curriculum. The students did well; the Program and Course Directors are reviewing the evaluations to identify what changes need to be made for next year as well as the Spring semester.

Public Health:

• New course offering for Spring 2025: ENHS 6253 Geospatial Health and Environment (in case any students from other schools might consider this for an elective).

Library:

- New Coffee Vending Machine in Library Commons
 - \$2.50 to purchase Kcup and supplies
 - Can also bring own supplies and use Keurig machine at no cost
- New Publishing Agreements to waive Open Access charges starting in January 2025
 - Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) waive APCs in all 5 of their journals
 - o American Society of Microbiology waive APCs in all of their journals
 - LSUHSC author must be the corresponding author and utilize their lsuhsc.edu email address for both of these agreements
 - A limited agreement with Elsevier is also coming in 2025. More details will be provided when it goes live.
- New institutional subscription to *Cabells Journalytics and Predatory Reports* starts in January
 - Database designed to support researchers in identifying reputable journals and avoiding predatory ones.
 - Also has tools to provide journal metrics and help with manuscript preparation.
 - More info and training will be provided from the Library in early 2025.

Report from Board of Supervisors (Submitted electronically after the meeting due to time constraints)

LSU BOS December Meeting Summary

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Academic
 - Establish B.S. in construction engineering, costal meteorology.
 - Established a post baccalaureate certificate in civil engineering.
 - Established a M.S. degree in Medical lab science
 - Approved revised mission statement for SLU Alexandria
 - LSU Shreveport to establish a grad certificate in dual enrollment in English.
 - LSUHSC Shreveport to offer doctorate of physical therapy program hybrid.
- Finance
 - LSU Shreveport to implement a new health and wellness service fee: provides funding for the delivery of health and wellness services to students. The fee provides funding for staff that include medical providers; counselors and therapists; service coordinators; health educators; interns and graduate assistants; and undergraduate paraprofessional staff. It also provides funding for health programming efforts that include support for health promotion and outreach
- Property and Facilities
 - LSU A&M Delta Zeta to sublease Phi Kappa Psi House
 - Approval of schematics of new buildings at Alexandria and Eunice campuses