

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
March 2009**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** –Kelly Alig, Erin Dugan, Jo Thompson, Scott Rubin, George Hebert;  
**Dentistry** –Dennis Paul;  
**Graduate School** –Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;  
**Library** –Hanna Kwasik;  
**Medicine** –Gregory Bagby, Ann Tilton, Erich Richter, Michael Levitzky;  
**Nursing** –Marjorie Kraus, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods;  
**Public Health** –Richard Scribner, Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Chih-Yang Hu, Mary Lynne Thames;  
**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd.

**Guest:** Dr. Nick Bazan, Chair of the Research Executive Council, LSUHSC

Those absent included:

**Dentistry** –Catherine Badell (excused), Diedra Foret, Marco Brindis (excused);  
**Medicine** – Sean Collins, Tonya Jagneaux, Daniel Kapusta, Kevin Reed;  
**Nursing** –Leanne Fowler (excused), Cynthia Langford (excused), Randy Rosamond (excused);

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda with minor change in order of items.

*Agenda item 1.* The February meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

*Agenda item 2.*

President Paul welcomed the guest, Dr. Nicolas Bazan, the Chair of the Executive Research Council of LSUHSC and asked him to present a brief report about the Council's activities. Dr. Bazan presented a historic overview about the Council's existence. The Council's activities started two years before hurricane Katrina. The original activities of the Research Council were broad reaching and tried to oversee all aspects of research. After Dr. Hollier became the chancellor of LSUHSC, the Research Council was renamed to Executive Research Council and the activities narrowed and focused on translational research. The present members are James Cairo, Elizabeth Fonham, Demetrius Porche, Paul Fidel, Al Pass, David Martin, Augusto Ochoa, Seth Pincus, Joe Moerschbaeher, and Jay Kolls. The main focus of activities of the Council is on translational research. The meetings of the Council are approximately every three months. Early in 2006, a call for proposals was disseminated with \$1 million allocated by the Chancellor as seed money. There were 30 proposals submitted, all outstanding. The Council decided to fund 15 of them. Each project paired a relatively experienced investigator with one

with less experience in a mentor-mentee relationship. The start date for projects was November 1, 2006. It was desirable to ask for clear accountability, the reports from projects were obtained every three months. It was anticipated that the seed money would be used to apply for extramural funding. During the year 2007, the Council evaluated the progress of projects. The projects were successful as judged by the number of publications and extramural grants awarded. Four mentors were recognized by the chancellor with \$25 000 each as additional research money. The Council and Dean Nelson recently allocated an additional \$1.2 million to keep the initiative going. 12 proposals are awarded and 8 out the 15 initial projects were funded supplements. The official starting date for projects is March 1, 2009. The review plan is modified; the Council will evaluate the progress of projects three times per year. The first progress report meeting will be in June.

Senator Bagby commented and suggested that it would be desirable if the Senate had representation at the Executive Research Council in order for the Senate get direct feedback from the Council. Dr. Bazan favored the proposal and suggested that he would discuss it with Chancellor Hollier.

Senator Bagby then inquired about the number of proposals submitted from outside of School of Medicine. Dr. Bazan answered that there were several from School of Dentistry, a couple from School of Public Health but nothing from other schools.

President Paul asked about whether the Council will try to coordinate the effort regarding the Stimulus package possibilities. Dr. Bazan in his answer emphasized that during the past six weeks the entire focus of the Council is on coordination mainly equipment (to avoid duplicities and overlap) and issues related to the stimulus money.

At 4:15pm Dr. Bazan left the meeting.

*Agenda item 2. President's report*

- President Paul announced that Chancellor Hollier will attend the April Senate meeting and will talk about the anticipated budget cut. He announced that there will be additional \$18.8 million cut to the LSUHSC, which represents approximately 12% .
- The AAUP Newsletter contained information about two recent Supreme Court sex discrimination cases. In both AAUP participated very actively by submitting statements and in both cases the Court accepted the AAUP statement.

*Agenda Item 3. Old business:*

- a) Senator Lloyd, the Chair of Electronic Communication Committee presented the draft of Senate Resolution 09-01, which was electronically distributed to all Senators. Senator Simonson moved Senator Richter second the motion to accept the Resolution as amended. The Resolution was unanimously approved and will be sent to Chancellor Hollier and placed on the Senate web site.
- b) President Paul presented the draft of Senate Resolution 09-02 dealing with expected budget cut to higher education in the state of Louisiana. After a brief

discussion, Senator Hebert moved and Senator Thompson second the motion to accept the Resolution and to delegate the final rewording of the text of the Resolution to the Senate Executive Committee. The motion was unanimously accepted. The final version will be sent to Governor Jindal, to all legislators, and will be placed on the Senate web site.

- c) Discrepancy between base and supplemental salary – no report.
- d) Security on campus – President Paul informed the Senate that Dr. Moerschbaecher informed him that the Louisiana Senate will vote on issue of guns at Campuses again and hence they will wait with posting signs after the vote.

There was no other old business.

*Agenda item 4. New business*

There was no new business

*Agenda item 6. Reports.*

- a) Faculty Senate committees –
  - i. Clinical Education, Services, and Patient Care – no report;
  - ii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – no report;
  - iii. Electronic communications – no additional report;
  - iv. Facilities, Safety, and Security – no report;
  - v. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
  - vi. Research – no new report.
- b) Assemblies:
  - i. Allied Health – Senators Hebert reported that the at the LSUHSC level the decision is made that the yearbook will be prepared. Senator Hebert reported and complained that the students, particularly students of the School of Medicine occupy space at the Allied Health Building and in most of the cases they do not clean up after themselves. In one case they left a coffee pot turned on during the weekend in the Allied Health Student Lounge.  
**Action:** President Paul will inform Dr. Moerschbaecher, which will communicate the problem to the Student’s Government.
  - ii. Dentistry – The Dentistry and Dental Hygiene programs got outstanding evaluations in the CODA accreditation process;
  - iii. Graduate School – no report;
  - iv. Library – no report;
  - v. Medicine – no report;
  - vi. Nursing – the Nursing School got very positive evaluation from as part of the accreditation process;

vii. Public Health – A new Senator, Mary Lynne Thames was elected and will serve on the senate as a replacement for former senator Peters. The Faculty Assembly of SPH put together a committee to prepare evaluation of administrators.

c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives

- President Paul reported from the meeting. A resolution addressed to BoS to support intercampus telecommunication capabilities was unanimously approved.
- The Committee is working on a wording for a resolution that University Senates should be consulted if there is a prepared reorganization within a University.
- LSU at Shreveport is preparing a post tenure review. However, the system wide process for post tenure review will be prepared since there were conflicting criteria at different campuses.
- The Ph.D. proposal in epidemiology and the letter of intent in Community Health were approved.

Senator Tilton informed that a part of the Strategic Plan for the SoM is a global concept of development of web based information.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

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