

Faculty Senate Minutes
August 2009

President Rubin called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Rennie Jacobs (proxy for Kelly Alig), George Hebert, Scott Rubin, Jerald James, Erin Dugan

Dentistry –

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling; Angela Amedee

Library – Hanna Kwasik;

Medicine – Gregory Bagby, Michael Levitzky, Erich Richter,

Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Cynthia Langford, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods

Public Health – Neal Simonsen, Mary L. Thames, Julia Volafova, Chih-Yang Hu

Ex Officio – Jennifer K Lloyd

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig (excused)

Dentistry – Marco Brindis (excused), Diedra Foret, Dennis Paul

Medicine – Sean Collins, Tonya Jagneaux, Kevin Reed;

Nursing – Randy Rosamond (excused)

Public Health – Richard Scribner (excused)

Agenda item 1. The May meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda item 2. President's opening remarks:

President Rubin opened reporting his anticipation for an active and productive year. He discussed the following issues the Senate will have to address:

- The Senate will request regular updates on the progress and decisions made regarding the Academic Medical Center.
- The Senate will prepare for possible reductions of the budget coinciding with HSC growth. Budget cuts that may include further faculty shortages, space shortage, and other facilities issues that are related to the growth of the student body.
- The Web Advisory Committee will recruit nominees in categories still in need (Students, Dental, and Nursing). The Committee will suggest modifications to the LSUHSC website in an attempt to increase the user friendliness of the LSU HSC web navigation.
- The Senate will review the structure of all Faculty Assemblies and discuss uniformity among assemblies.
- The Senate will discuss a group activity surrounding community service to get the face of the faculty in the community and hopefully to establish an altruistic

component to Senate activities. Ideas from other Senators were given, such as partnering with the N.O. Public Schools or hosting Health Fairs.

- President Rubin also encouraged the other Senators to communicate the importance of attending the Senate meetings. Discussion was started about first identifying if attendance is a problem, second identify if the problem is consistent among the same Senators, and third to review the bylaws regarding attendance revision.

Agenda Item 3. President's Report (Meeting with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher):

- a) Dr. Hollier is making an effort to hold Town Hall meeting in September.
- b) When aware ahead of time of high Internet usage, Dr. Moerschbaecher suggests notifying IT (V.C. Troendle's Office) ahead of time to avoid a CM 42 violation.
- c) Hopefully in September, LSUHSC will begin (continue) active work to get the MEB, Allied Health/Nursing, and Resources buildings' 1st floors open. Also, the 2nd floor of MEB will be completed very soon.
- d) There will be a new Starbuck's in Building 1542.
- e) All Student organizations must comply with CM 33 before the end of Fall Semester. Otherwise, their organization will not be recognized by LSUHSC.
- f) Landscaping at the Dental school will begin immediately following the completion of landscaping at the Downtown campus. Other renovations at the Dental school include taking the hurricane fence down and replacing it with an improved structure. Lecture rooms A & B are almost complete.
- g) The tiger mascot in the atrium in between MEB & Nursing/Allied Health will soon be repaired.
- h) The LSUHSC standing committees' needs were identified by Dr. Moerschbaecher and will be addressed by Senator Simonsen.

Agenda Item 4. Introduction of New Senators

- a) Election of new Senators Jerald James and Theresa Nicholls (both in Allied Health) were announced, Senator James was introduced to the other Senators. All Senators gave their own names and School affiliations.

Agenda Item 5. Old Business:

- a) LSUHSC standing Web Advisory Committee update addressed during the President's opening remarks. Senator Langford from Nursing volunteered to serve on the Web Advisory Committee and her name will be sent to Dr. M.
- b) Past-President Paul absent. No report on the Senate resolution update.
- c) The University calendar was sent to the Education committee and it was reported by Senator Hebert that the University does have a unified calendar and that the multiple schools have different dates presumably secondary to having different clinical facility needs. The Education committee then suggested that the Senate should involve Senators from other schools to gain a broader perspective on the calendar needs of the school.

- d) Security clearance of students – as each contract is renewed with facilities, an attempt will be made to make the clearances more standard. The aim is to gradually overcome the challenges posed by each facility having different requirements. Jennifer Lloyd and Senator Volaufova reported that there was a resolution approximately two years ago on this topic. In her Electronic Communications Committee capacity Lloyd will attempt to arrange the Senate website in a manner to link descriptions of how this and other resolutions were addressed to the initial resolutions. It was also discussed among the Senators that the responses to future resolutions should be noted in the minutes.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 6. New business:

- a) Introduction to Bylaws and Senate operations – President-Elect Simonsen discussed and gave all Senators a hand-out regarding *LSUHSC Faculty Senate: Basic Structure and Function*. There will also be a restructuring of standing Senate committee memberships to provide better balance in representation across Schools. Senators were asked to volunteer if they had a preference for service on a particular committee or wished to change committees; the attendance sheet was circulated for people to indicate their preferences, and anybody who had a preference not indicated on that sheet should notify Senator Simonsen or Senator Rubin as soon as possible.
- b) Potential for future budget adjustments; including shortfalls in resources - Senator Levitzky reported that the Senate should prepare to respond to budget reductions quickly due potential further cuts. The potential for further stresses on faculty and resources with higher student enrollments across Schools was also noted. Quick responses to such potential developments would be facilitated by revisions to the Bylaws to allow electronic voting to pass resolutions. It was suggested by President Rubin to follow the progress or needs/shortages of space by the Executive Committee.
- c) Faculty web usage – Senator Lloyd reported that if any faculty is in need of large bandwidth usage to ask IT for a site to be placed on the “White list” to avoid CM 42 penalties.
- d) Consistency of Faculty Assembly operations – President Rubin will speak to each Faculty Assembly President regarding whether or not there is a need to look into consistencies of operation across the Center’s Assemblies. Senator Hebert reported that the Faculty Assembly is the body of faculty within the school but it is the “Delegate Assembly” that meets on a regular schedule and provides faculty leadership in Allied Health, for example.
- e) Senate Public Service – See President’s report. President Rubin suggested that the Education Committee be charged to investigate possibilities.
- f) LSUHSC Standing Committees: Current opportunities – Senator Simonsen recruited Senator Langford to be nominated for the Web Advisory Committee. As discussed under 3.g., the Committee Coordinating Committee will address needs for additional nominees to standing LSUHSC committees, consulting with other Senators as necessary to identify candidates. These candidates do not need to be Senators.

There was no other new business.

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty Senate committees –
 - i. Education, Services, and Patient Care – No report.
 - ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – See 6a and 6f above.
 - iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – Will be meeting to re-evaluate electronic voting. There is one member needed on this committee.
 - iv. Electronic communications – no report;
 - v. Facilities, Safety, and Security – no report;
 - vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
 - vii. Research – no report.

- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – publishing second Faculty Assembly newsletter.
 - ii. Dentistry – no report;
 - iii. Graduate Studies – no report;
 - iv. Library – the commons are now complete with an espresso machine and invites all to visit;
 - v. Medicine – no report;
 - vi. Nursing – no report;
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

- c) Faculty Advisory Committee representatives – no report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm

Submitted by
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