

**Faculty Senate Minutes
February 11, 2010**

President Rubin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room on Tuesday, February 11, 2010.

Those present included:

Allied Health –Erin Dugan, Scott Rubin, Gerald James, Theresa Nichols;
Dentistry –Glen Palmer;
Graduate School –Angela Amedee, Andrew Catling;
Library –Hanna Kwasik;
Medicine –Costa Dimitriadis, Stephen Brierre, Michael Levitzky, Joy Sturtevant, Johnny Porter;
Nursing –nobody;
Public Health –Neal Simonsen (also proxy for Chih-Yang Hu), Julia Volaufova (also proxy for Richard Scribner);
Ex Officio –Dennis Paul.

Guest: Greg Bagby (Medicine), Bob Turner (Allied Health)

Those absent included:

Allied Health –Kelly Alig, George Hebert;
Dentistry –Marco Brindis, Steve Brisco, Diedra Foret, Tom Lallier;
Medicine –John Estrada, Kevin Reed, Erich Richter;
Nursing –Marjorie Kraus, Leanne Fowler, Cynthia Langford, Randy Rosamond, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods;
Public Health –Chih-Yang Hu (proxy), Richard Scribner (proxy), Mary Lynne Thames.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda. Since the meeting did not have a quorum, the items on the agenda were only informally discussed.

Agenda item 1. The January meeting minutes were not presented, the discussion and approval is postponed to the March meeting.

Agenda item 2. President's report

Issues covered under Old business item.

Agenda Item 3. Council of Faculty Advisors Committee Representatives, Board of Supervisors & Council of Faculty Advisors meetings - Past President Paul and President Rubin reported.

- BoS – The State wants to revisit not only the ORP but also the Teachers’ Retirement Plan. It is anticipated that future cuts will be introduced in state’s contribution into the ORP and TRP. The TRP affects the teachers at all levels of schools in the state.
- The representatives from other SLU System schools are not informed in detail by their administration about the proposed mid-year budget cuts.
- There was no discussion about budget cuts at BoS meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Old business:

- a) Campus Daycare Resolution Draft – Senator Dimitriades prepared the draft, which was circulated to all Senators via e-mail. It will be sent out once again.
- b) School liaisons’ reports on software provided within their schools – Only Senator Simonsen reported from SPH.

Action: The Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare Committee will accumulate the information on usage and accessibility of software appropriately categorized (mandatory software – free, optional – free, etc.), software for teaching (Moodle, etc.), research (statistical packages).
- c) March Senate meeting will be held at the Dental School. Further information will be distributed.
- d) Tenure promotion clock extension – tabled.
- e) ORP – issues Guest Bob Turner reported from a meeting organized by Kevin Cope, President of Council of Faculty Advisors about a joint effort to address the issues of ORP.

Action: Bob Turner will be invited for the March meeting and will present simulation study on the issue of ORP vs. TRP
- f) Budget cuts – President Rubin reported from the meeting of EC with Leslie Capo and Chris Vidrine, the Director of External Relations. Chris Vidrine is working on creating a web site, the Tiger Health Caucus web site, which will serve as a platform for discussion and information spread independently from the official LSUHSC web site. The preparation of the Senate resolution regarding budget cuts is postponed in coordination with activities of higher administration. On February 12 the information about the state budget plan will be revealed.

Action:

 - a. President Rubin in collaboration with Chris Vidrine will have the draft of resolution prepared in case it needs to be sent out prior to the next Senate meeting.
 - b. President Rubin will invite Chris Vidrine to make presentation at the March Senate meeting about the Tiger Health Caucus web site.

There was no other old business.

Agenda item 5. New business

New business was tabled.

Agenda item 6. Reports.

- a) Faculty Senate committees –
 - i. Education, Services, and Patient Care – the new chair of the committee is Joy Sturtevant;
 - ii. Committee Coordinating Committee –new committee chairs will be nominated after the Senate officer elections as replacements for Senators whose terms expire in the current academic year;
 - iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – Senator Simonsen will circulate via e-mail the proposed change of wording of the bylaws regarding enabling voting process via electronic communication;
 - iv. Electronic communications – Ex Officio Senator Lloyd not present – no report;
 - v. Facilities, Safety, and Security – Gerald James, the chair of the Committee reported from the Committee meeting. They discussed the importance of survey regarding the need of daycare. The importance of the issue has to be reflected in the Senate Resolution, which was covered under Old business (draft of resolution prepared by Costa Dimitriadis);
 - vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare – no report;
 - vii. Research – no report.

- b) Assemblies:
 - i. Allied Health – in April, the group for high school initiative will take place (AHAC).
 - ii. Dentistry – a financing plan for patients is going to be developed in collaboration with Campus Federal;
 - iii. Graduate School – no report;
 - iv. Library – no report;
 - v. Medicine – new awards will be established to recognize individuals for service for the institution and teaching (educational award);
 - vi. Nursing – no report;
 - vii. Public Health – no report.

There were no additional reports from Senate committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Submitted by
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the Faculty Senate Secretary