

LSUHSC Faculty Senate
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Called to Order at 3:36pm

Those attended:

Allied Health –Jerald James, Erin Dugan, Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry –

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – Hanna Kwasik

Medicine –Costa Dimitriadis, Johnny Porter, Joy Sturtevant

Nursing –Leanne Fowler, Gwendolyn Stewart-Woods, Veronica Barcelona (proxy for Kraus), Randy Rosamond

Public Health – Neal Simonsen, Mary L. Thames, Julia Volaufova, Richard Scribner,

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Dennis Paul

At-Large (President) – Scott Rubin

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Kelly Alig

Dentistry – Brisco, Brindis, Lallier, Palmer, Foret,

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling (excused)

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Michael Levitzky (excused), John Estrada (excused), Kevin Reed, Erich Richter,

Nursing –Marjorie Kraus (excused), Cynthia Langford

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu (excused),

1. Minutes from October meeting unanimously approved pending attendance correction
2. President's Report
 - a. Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Council of Faculty Advisors (CFA) October meeting report
 - i. President of Senate is strongly encouraged to attend BOS and CFA meetings. If two other Senators are elected as representatives, the President should still attend.
 - ii. Federal Stimulus Funds were appropriated to the LSU campuses: Over \$38 million. LSUHSC received over \$19 million. Breakdown of monies attached. None of the Senators present had knowledge that LSUHSC-NO had received these dollars.
 - iii. Council of Faculty Advisors is seeking legal advice about the reduction of employers' contribution to ORP and is making an effort to have each campus write a resolution of support – We were one of the first Senates to have already submitted our resolution. Last few meeting minutes are posted on their website.

1. One suggestion (per Dennis) is getting the affected faculty (regarding ORP) to identify how many voters are affected and organize unity among them.
 2. Many junior faculty members are recruited and filling more of the service “spots” across LSU campuses. Many experienced senior faculty members are not assuming faculty leadership commitments. Kevin Cope is therefore forming an ad-hoc committee to explore this issue.
- b. Report on President’s monthly meeting with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaecher
 - i. Dr. Moerschbaecher is working with Ronnie Smith to provide details of indirect/direct costs. The NIH website provides the current formula distribution of funds.
 - ii. There is a national shortage of seasonal flu shots. LSUHSC should be getting more by the end of November.
 - iii. It was reported to Dr. Moerschbaecher that the search engine on the LSUHSC website is inadequate and it has been an ongoing issue with the Senate.
 - iv. Site visits: Physical therapy and LCME accreditation will occur next week.
 - v. Library Commons area: there will be new furniture ordered to match the recently purchased new furniture in the Library. There will also be outlets added by the study tables.
 - c. President proposed having February Senate meeting at the Dental school. We will discuss this more next month.
3. Old Business –
 - a. Final alignment of Senate Committee membership – Simonsen
 1. New members will choose or be assigned to Senate Standing committees.
 - a. Jerald James will chair the Facilities committee.
 1. He will meet with R. Smith regarding the Daycare issue.
 - b. Senate committees without a chair will need to choose or be appointed a chair.
 2. J. Porter (SoM) raised the issue as to when animal care facilities will be expanded. Issue may overlap with the Research committee. It is a very sensitive issue at the Medical School. It will be brought up tonight at the “Town Hall” meeting by Senator Porter. President Rubin suggested this issue be led by the Research Committee and explored in partnership with the Facilities committee.
 - b. ORP Issue – Rubin- See President’s Report (2.a.iii.)
 - d. Standing Committees of Center – Simonsen
 - a. One more student member was nominated for the LSUHSC Web Advisory Standing Committee; no student nominees have been forwarded by the student governments for the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, or Nursing at this point.

- e. Indirects/Grant Funds follow-up – reports from each Assembly Liaison
 - a. President Rubin asked if any other school had concerns with the issue of direct/indirect fund allocations.
 - 1. Simonsen reported that there was affirmative feedback from the school of Public Health.
 - 2. Scribner reported that there are accounting issues that made budgeting difficult in the School of Public Health.
 - 3. Sturtevant reported that NIH requirements do not match LSU funding appropriations with utilization of funds. She reports that at the Medical School, larger grants should allow more flexibility with the funding and allocation of funds.
 - 4. Paul reported that the researchers in Dentistry are very interested in this issue as well.
 - 5. Graduate School is interested in this issue.
 - 6. Nursing school is interested in the issue.
 - 7. Allied Health is interested in the issue.
 - 8. Porter reported that animal care should also come from indirect funds of the grants but lately the school is charging the department for costs related to the grant's project.
 - b. The Research committee is following up on this issue with Ronnie Smith.
 - f. Campus Daycare – Facilities committee report
 - a. Administration agrees that daycare would be beneficial for many at LSUHSC. Dr. Moerschbaecher has pointed out in the past, however, there is not a facility to house it. This issue will be addressed with R. Smith per the Facilities committee.
 - 1. The organization Women in Medicine was putting together a survey to support the need of daycare.
 - 2. At this time, President Rubin recommends to resend the Resolution done in the past to identify that this is still an issue.
 - g. No other old business
4. New Business –
- a. President Rubin will forward an email to all Senators regarding the AAUP newsletter.
 - b. No other new business
5. Reports
- a. Faculty Senate Committees – President Rubin stated that chairs for the committees need to be elected and have their first meeting. He charged the Senate to email the others on the committees to meet and decide on a Chair.
 - b. Due to Chancellor Hollier's Town Hall Meeting at 4:30, moved to table the following reports to next meeting.
 - i. Education, Service, and Patient Care
 - ii. Committee Coordinating Committee

- iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections
 - iv. Electronic Communications
 - v. Facilities, Safety, and Security
 - vi. Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare
 - vii. Research
 - i. Assemblies –Allied Health
 - ii. Dentistry
 - iii. Graduate Studies
 - iv. Library
 - v. Medicine
 - vi. Nursing
 - vii. Public Health
 - c. Faculty Advisory Committee Representatives
6. Adjourned at 4:25pm – Proceed to Town Hall Meeting