

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

President-Elect Simonsen called the meeting to order @ 3:35pm in the Chancellor's conference room.

Those present include:

Allied Health – Dugan, George Hebert, Jerald James, Nicholls

Dentistry –

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling,

Library – Hanna Kwasik

Medicine – Michael Levitzky, Johnny Porter, Joy Sturtevant, Gregory Bagby (guest faculty)

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Cynthia Langford

Public Health – Neal Simonsen, Julia Volaufova, Mary Lynn Thames

Ex Officio – Jennifer K. Lloyd, Dennis Paul

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Alig

Dentistry – Marco Brindis (excused),

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – n/a

Medicine – Erich Richter (excused), Brierre, Dimitriades, Estrada, Reed,

Nursing – Randy Rosamond, Gwen Stewart-Woods

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu (excused), Scribner,

At-Large (President) – Scott Rubin (excused)

Agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes from September meeting – Unanimously accepted
2. Guest Address: President, School of Medicine Faculty Assembly – Peter Winsauer
 - a. 3 Issues the Med School F.A. is dealing with
 - i. Indirect costs – An issue of interest to many faculty. Many perceive that departments are now having to pay for things out of their budgets that used to be provided or covered by the Health Sciences Center. Key questions include: While a larger proportion of NIH grant indirects are being provided to departments, how do these additional funds compare to the value of things that used to be provided by the Center and/or each School? How do each School's expenditures of indirects break down in terms of goods and services? What is the formula used to determine the current indirect funds rate for NIH grants? To what degree have declines in state general funds provided to the Center affected what the Center and

its Schools (and their constituent departments, where relevant) now have to cover with indirects? In the ensuing discussion it was recognized that treatment of indirects will vary by School, as may interest in this area as a whole. It was decided that a Senator from each School would bring this issue before their Faculty Assembly to determine the faculty's level of interest and key concerns, if any, in order to establish whether this is a campus-wide issue.

- ii. Website – There is a lot of frustration over the site's search engine. The need for a smoother functioning and more attractive website was recognized in light of the site's importance as a recruiting tool, as it is the Center's public face on the internet. The contrast with the effectiveness of the website for the LSU main campus in Baton Rouge was noted. Another IT issue is difficulty in downloading large files, with downloads sometimes cutting off before completion. This has led to suggestions that faculty wait and download these files from home rather than trying to use the campus network.
- iii. Need for daycare on campus – Administration states that there is not a building currently available to use to move forward with providing daycare. Prior to Katrina, in the Stanislaus building, there was a facility in preparation but it is on the first floor and after flooding the disposition of the building is still tied up in negotiations with FEMA. There is strong feeling that as faculty, we need to continue to push for daycare, the absence of which becomes a recruiting and retention concern. There is a huge waiting list at Tulane and UNO. When individuals are being recruited from out of state with families, if there is no service for daycare it plays a part in that individual's decision to come to our school as students or faculty. Previously, the idea of partnering with Tulane's daycare to temporarily address this problem was raised. Our faculty, medical students, and graduate students have a clear need for this service. The Senate needs to see what the University's plans are to move forward on this issue.

3. President's Report – By Proxy – President-Elect Neal Simonsen (Met with Dr. Moerschbaeher.)
 - a. Indirect costs – The issue was discussed. The picture is complicated by decreases in state general funds, which have reduced the Center's budget and this reduction then affects allocations to the Schools within the Center, independently of anything going on with distribution of indirects coming in from grants. Dr. Moerschbaeher will speak to Ronnie Smith and seek information that can be shared with the Senate about indirects, including a breakdown of costs that indirect funds apply toward.
 - b. Per Kennedy there should be an overall cut to Education budget but expand TOPS, but Lombardi prefers not to cut Education and make TOPS more selective.
 - c. Seasonal flu shots were delayed, but will be made available free to students and for \$10 to faculty.

- d. The School of Nursing will be the point of H1N1 vaccination distribution under plans developed by the Center's Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee.
- e. H1N1 vaccine distribution will proceed on a prioritized basis according to CDC criteria as it is received; the cost is undetermined at this point.
- f. Childcare was discussed. Human Development Center is being constructed and may make sense to integrate childcare into the design. This would complement and capitalize upon available expertise of Center faculty and staff, particularly within Allied Health.

4. Old Business –

- a. Senate resolution: Single retirement plan switch – Update – Paul – No report.
- b. Final alignment of Senate Committee membership – Simonsen - finalized list of committee members distributed to Senators.
- c. ORP Issue – Simonsen – Brief discussion, noting extensive materials available on the LSU-BR Senate website mentioned in the update sent from President Rubin to all Senators. The link for the ORP materials is:
<http://www.lsu.edu/senate/optional%20retirement%20controversy%20links>.
- d. Standing Committees of Center – Simonsen – Web Advisory Committee now has a faculty/staff representative nominee for all Schools. Student membership remains to be finalized. Schools of Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine SGA have yet to respond regarding a student nominee. Senators at these Schools were encouraged to encourage their SGA or that SGA's Faculty Advisor to select a representative.
- e. Indirects/Grant Funds
 - i. Continuation of discussion begun under 2a. Should we charge a committee with this task? Dr. Moerschbaecher is planning to speak to Ronnie Smith regarding information on indirects and their allocation. Senators will also gauge the level of interest in this issue at each School's upcoming Faculty Assembly meeting. With this information we will decide how to proceed.
- f. Other old business - None

5. New Business –

- a. Daycare – See 2aiii. It was proposed that we explore how best to push the daycare issue, including long-term goals such as building daycare capability within Human Development Center. The Facilities Committee was chosen to take up this issue, including determination of current administration plans and their projected timelines. Collaboration with the Allied Health Dean on assessing the Human Development Center option was suggested.
- b. Submission of Agenda items from Assemblies and/or Senators – Senators were encouraged to send suggestions for specific topics they are interested in raising at an upcoming meeting to the President to facilitate planning.
- c. Other new business - None

6. Reports

a. Faculty Senate Committees

- i. Education, Service, and Patient Care – No report
- ii. Committee Coordinating Committee – Have finalized nominees for nearly all committees (see Web Advisory discussion in 4d).
- iii. Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections – No report
- iv. Electronic Communications – Proxy forms are on the website on the meetings, schedule, and agenda page.
- 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 – Allied Health week is the first week in Nov. with breakfast for the students.
- ii. Dentistry –Gradual progress is being made but sometimes the difference in pace of restoration at that the Dental School campus relative to the main campus is frustrating. Meal facilities are limited; shortages of food had been occurring but shipments to the School were increased to take care of that problem.
- iii. Graduate Studies – Research Day at the Dental school, lunch provided, on Nov. 6th.
- iv. Library – No report
- v. Medicine – Up for accreditation this Nov. from the MCLE. Just completed their “Mock Site visit.”
- vi. Nursing – CCNE accreditation official for 10 years. Renovations underway on the 2nd floor.
- vii. Public Health – No report.

c. Faculty Advisory Committee Representatives – President Rubin attended the Board of Supervisors and Council of Faculty Advisors meetings, and he will report on those upon his return.

7. Adjournment @ 4:53pm