

LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – March 15th, 2011

Administration Building
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8th Floor
3:30pm

President Simonsen called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm
No quorum.

Those present included:

Allied Health – George Hebert, Jerald James, and Theresa Nicholls

Dentistry – n/a

Graduate Studies – Angela Amedee

Library – Rebecca Bealer

Medicine – Stephen Brierre, Carmen Canavier, Costa Dimitriadis, Lee Engel, Kyle Happel, M. Levitzky, and Joy Sturtevant (proxy Timothy Foster)

Nursing – Todd Tartavouille

Public Health – Chih-Yang Hu, Ariane Rung

Ex Officio – Scott Rubin

At-Large (President) – Neal Simonsen

Those absent included:

Allied Health – Erin Dugan and Rennie Jacobs

Dentistry – M. Brindis, S. Brisco, D. Foret, T. Lallier, Glen Palmer

Graduate Studies – Andrew Catling

Library – n/a

Medicine – Erich Richter

Nursing – Leanne Fowler, Marjorie Kraus, Randy Rosamond and Gwen S. Woods (excused)

Public Health – Lynn LaMotte, R. Scribner, Xiao-Cheng Wu

Ex Officio – Jennifer Lloyd, Dennis Paul

Approval of February minutes deferred until next meeting.

I. President's Report –

1. Meeting with Dr Moerschbaecher

- i. Budget update – New proposed budget just released from Governor Jindal's office.
- ii. LSU Health Logo update – Details of logo implementation are still being finalized.
- iii. Legislation has been passed to dictate course numbering systems for undergraduate programs in an effort to make coursework more recognizable and transferrable across the various state campuses. May affect some programs at the Health Sciences Center.
- iv. Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Hollier has been moved to April (date TBA).

II. Guest Speaker – Vice Chancellor Smith

1. Vice Chancellor Smith addressed the Faculty Senate at length, discussing various information systems related issues, including the process of updating the website and online registration. He addressed the challenges of creating a website that would be functional, up to date, and maintained some congruence between the various schools and departments. He reiterated that the administration was committed to the process. Vice Chancellor Smith then addressed the challenges involved in considering a move such as online registration in a campus as diverse as the health sciences center in New Orleans. He noted that there is no plan at present to have online registration available in the near future, although it is a potential future option. He did note that certain other aspects of simplifying the online faculty and student experience were in the works, such as the implementation of some faculty self-service centers.

III. Council of Faculty Advisors (COFA) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) – report deferred until next meeting

IV. Old Business

1. Text Messaging Alert System – Senator James reported on plans to meet with Vice Chancellor Smith to discuss the issues.
2. Website Advisory Committee (WAC) – Senator Levitzky reiterated the need to have a standing WAC whose task will be to help the implementation and oversight of a functional campus-wide website.
3. Budget update –Current Fiscal Year 2012 budget proposal from the governor’s office contains no further cuts in state funds for higher education. The legislature has only begun the process of adopting an official budget for the coming fiscal year, however.

V. New Business – no new business discussed

VI. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Committees
 - i. **Education Committee** – Service project at Warren Easton High School and possibly the Youth Empowerment Project is planned. President Simonsen will email the senate body with details.
 - ii. **Committee Coordinating Committee** – No report
 - iii. **Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions, Nominations, and Elections** – No report
 - iv. **Electronic Communications** – No report
 - v. **Facilities Safety and Security** – See above from Senator James report.
 - vi. **Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Faculty Welfare** – No report
 - vii. **Research** – No report
2. Faculty Assemblies
 - i. **Allied Health** – No report.
 - ii. **Dentistry** – No report.
 - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report
 - iv. **Library** – No report.
 - v. **Medicine** – No report.
 - vi. **Nursing** – No report
 - vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 5:04pm

Submitted by: C Dimitriades, MD
Faculty Senate Secretary
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