

**LSUHSC Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – May 13th, 2014**  
Chancellor's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Admin Bldg  
3:30pm

President Dimitriades called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm  
Quorum verified.

Those present included:

**Allied Health** – Kirk Nelson, Scott Rubin

**Dentistry** – Julie Schiavo, Suzanne Farrar, and Kitrina Cordell

**Graduate Studies** – Ted Weyand and Suresh Alahari

**Library** – Rebecca Bealer

**Medicine** – Costa Dimitriades, Michael Levitzky, Peter Winsauer, Jay Mussell, Robin McGoey, and Bradley Spieler

**Nursing** – Todd Tartavouille, Jean Cefalu, and Gloria Giarratano

**Public Health** – Patricia Andrews, Dan Harrington, Chih-yang Hu, and Lynn LaMotte

**Ex Officio** – Jennifer Lloyd

Those absent included:

**Allied Health** – Theresa Nicholls, Jerald James and Jan Case

**Dentistry** – Tom Lallier and Steven Brisco (Excused)

**Graduate Studies** – N/A

**Library** – N/A

**Medicine** – Kyle Happel and Timothy Foster

**Nursing** – Ellen Beyer (Excused) and Katherine Carter (Excused)

**Public Health** – Cruz Velasco-Gonzales

**Ex Officio** – Erin Dugan (Excused)

- I. Senator Levitzky made a motion to accept the April 2014 minutes. Senator Rubin seconded the motion. Majority vote to accept April 2014 minutes.
- II. President's Report
  1. President Dimitriades met with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher to discuss distribution of survey in regards to office temperatures on the LSUHSC Health Sciences campuses (Downtown and Dental campuses). Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher would like for a senator from each school to ask their Dean to distribute to their respective schools.
  2. President Dimitriades also spoke on the topic of recycling with Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher. Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher would like for President Dimitriades to write up a progress report to present to Chancellor Hollier.
- III. Board of Supervisor's Meeting
  1. Senator Rubin provided information from last Board of Supervisors meeting. Optional Retirement Plan issues were discussed by both faculty and staff at meeting. House Bill 6, which establishes a minimum employer contribution rate for the Optional Retirement Plan in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, passed in the House of Representatives and is a step toward removing Optional Retirement Plan from the Teachers Retirement System.
  2. Also at the meeting Tammy Dugas presented a power point on medical school salaries. She spoke on the lack of tuition benefit for LSUHSC faculty. She provided a list of 120 universities and LSUHSC is second to last in faculty tuition benefit.

3. Policy Statement 36 (PS 36) on Baton Rouge campus, which deals with academic freedoms and intellectual properties was discussed. Senator Rubin stated it was “faculty unfriendly and may spread to other campuses”.
4. Senator LaMotte provided a summary of the Alexandria Summit.
  - i. Sandra Woodley, President, University of Louisiana System began with her views on the progress of the current legislative session as it relates to higher education. The big topic was the WISE (Workforce Innovation for a Stronger Economy) Bill, HB 1033, which would set aside \$40M. Higher-education institutions could compete for this \$40M. Eighty percent of the funding would be for workforce development; schools would be required to come up with 20% matching funds from non-state sources. Sandra Woodley noted that \$40M is a drop in the bucket, and that at least \$120M was needed. Still, it would be positive and welcomed.
  - ii. Speaker: Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy began by promoting passage of HB 142, which would drastically curtail state expenditures on consulting contracts. For example, one contract was for several thousand dollars for the purpose of urging Spanish-speaking residents of Rapides Parish to wear seat belts. HB 142 would establish a Higher Education Financing Fund from the savings resulting from reducing consulting contracts. He said that he supports the WISE Bill, but that universities should anticipate that not all will be able to get any money as a result, because of the matching requirement. He said he is opposed to having state universities serve primarily as employment agencies. He said that much of the current funding of higher education is in non-recurring or anticipated funds; if they don't come in, cuts would be necessary. He noted that the CMS denial of the proposed public-private funding of the state hospital system would cause funding problems.

#### IV. New Business

1. Nominations for President-elect and secretary will occur via email and voted on at June meeting.

#### V. Old Business

1. President Dimitriades provided an update from the Recycling Ad Hoc Committee. Waste Pro will provide a 3 month trial period for mixed stream recycling. The date has not been set but will probably begin the fall in the Medical Education Building. Mr. Stone (Manager of Facility Services) will evaluate if there is a reduction in cost and bulk waste reduction. Important issues to consider include placement of bins and educating faculty, staff, and students on types of trash to be placed in different bins. President Dimitriades will draft a progress report on recycling and he and several Senators will meet with Chancellor Hollier.
2. Senators Tartavouille (Nursing), Cordell (Dentistry), Mussell (Medicine), LaMotte (Public Health) and Vice Chancellor Moerschbaeher will ask their respective Deans to distribute office temperature survey.
3. Senator Farrar provided a report from the Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee. The following was reported:
  - i. Changes to date:
    1. Menu on line.
    2. Diversity of food and rotation of menus.
    3. Food quality has increased.
    4. Prices have not changed.
    5. Able to take credit cards.
    6. Community coffee instead of Starbucks coffee.
    7. Environment changes more inviting and cleaner trash cans.

8. Open to receiving feedback electronically from customers.
9. Catering service is working very well.
- ii. Challenges:
  1. Employee retention and turnover (due to job expectations and pay scale).
  2. Renovation to accommodate an automatic dishwasher.
  3. Offering quality food at same price and break even for year 1.
- iii. Opportunities for Improvement
  1. Offering coffee and/or box lunches (pre ordered and paid) on Saturdays (once a month) for SON classes and interviews.
  2. Continuing to work on renovation with facilities.
  3. Follow-up survey during the Summer-Fall 2014 for feedback.
  4. Market the Dental school cafeteria via electronic board or flyers.
  5. "Chef Tec" in future- this is software that handles inventory, cost but it also provides nutritional information per menus.
  6. Dental School- attempt to have at least one soup per day.
  7. Dental School- they do not receive leftovers. Food is cooked and then divided between schools.

## VI. Reports

1. Faculty Assemblies
  - i. **Allied Health** – No report.
  - ii. **Dentistry** –Recognition ceremony on Wednesday.
  - iii. **Graduate Studies** – No report.
  - iv. **Library** – No report.
  - v. **Medicine** – Discussed CMS contracts. Cindy Nusslein (CEO ILH) aware and believes contracts will be worked out.
  - vi. **Nursing** – No report.
  - vii. **Public Health** – No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Mussell and seconded by Senator Rubin.

Submitted by: T. Tartavouille, DNS, APRN, CNS-BC  
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