

## **Faculty Senate Meeting February 10, 2004**

President Porter called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM in the Chancellor's conference room. Members present: **Allied Health** – Kelly Landry, Robert Rowe, Maxine Kimbrell, Andy Pellett, Larry Broussard; **Dentistry** – Johnny Porter, Don Layman; **Graduate School** – Kurt Varner; **Library** – Jennifer Lloyd; **Medicine** – Jeffrey Green, Michael Levitzky, Bob Richards, Jean Jacob, Peter Winsauer, Gregory Sloop, Larry Carver, **Nursing** – Ann Byerly, Claudine Dufrene, Susan Rick, Jane Sumner.

Minutes of January 13, 2004 were approved unanimously after a few wording changes.

### **Reports from Assembly Representatives:**

**Medical School** – Richards reported that all physicians in Anesthesiology have tended their resignation as of June 1, 2004 resulting in a major shortage of anesthesiologists for surgery. No residency program and lack of residents will have a negative impact on surgery. Multi-attempts to restore program have been tried over the past few years with little success. Dean Hollier is aware of these problems.

**Nursing School** – no major issues or concerns at present time.

**Allied Health** – There will be a March vote to separate the schools in Shreveport and New Orleans. Legislative approval is not needed to set up independent schools.

**Library** – Repairs to rest rooms are finished and the cell phone policy is in place.

**Graduate School** – no report

**Old Business:** (Facilities and Safety Committee's follow up on response by Vice Chancellor Chatelain to Senate issues)

1) Dental School parking lot drainage has been checked and is clear. To improve drainage the city needs to be involved; 2) Walkway signs are up but changes need to be made to improve directions for easier patient access to clinics; 3) Faculty and students are having difficulty in opening walkway gate with current ID cards. Consequently, students are using streets to access buildings at night. ID badges need to be changed to match gate number; 4) With regard to Allied Health building and office temperatures, nothing can be done short of major renovation; 5) Walkway hump still is a problem for patients and may need a more gentle slope. These issues are still under ongoing investigation.

Evaluation of Administrators: The Senate resolution on the evaluation of upper administrators, deans and above was discussed. The Chancellor wants to bring the LSUHSC evaluation of administrators in line with the evaluation review for the LSU System. Since there were some inconsistencies in whether evaluations should be made every 2 or 5 years, the Senate resolution was tabled for a later meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

a) Board of Supervisors meeting will meet and discuss tuition waivers for faculty, staff and their dependents. Senate discussed the benefits to lower degreed faculty, benefits for dependents to attend LSU, and expand waivers to HSC faculty. It was noted that the faculty of Charity-Delgado CC receives tuition waivers. However, the cost impact may be too expensive to implement such waivers. If the Faculty Senate supports tuition

waivers, what will be the benefits to the HSC faculty and will they be able to send dependents to LSU?

- b) Facilities and safety Committee: (see above under old business)
- c) Electronic Communications committee: no report
- d) Constitution and Bylaws Committee: no report
- e) Clinical Education Committee: no report
- f) Faculty and Welfare Committee: no report
- g) Research Committee: The Committee charge was to evaluate the draft of the Campus Research Space Policy for all Schools. Changes made by the Research Committee in the draft of the space policy reflect those changes the Faculty Senate had asked and are supported by the Chancellor. A copy is on file in the library. **The Space Policy as presented by the Faculty Senate Research Committee was 19 approved, 1 abstention.**

#### **New Business:**

- a) Space Policy document approved.
- b) Office of Research – It was suggested that members on the IRB should receive compensation for their efforts on the board to recruit and keep competent members. The IRB has difficulty in keeping members due time commitment and lack of recognition. Also, there is a need for a second IRB to have proposals reviewed in a timely manner. **The Faculty Senate unanimously supports a Resolution for compensating members of the IRB and for establishing a second IRB.**
- c) Dean of Public Health Search: External and internal candidates are being reviewed by the search committee. The Faculty Senate has had the opportunity to meet with the candidates. Several outstanding candidates have been reviewed. According to one internationally recognized candidate, in order to have a viable School of Public Health, five areas of public health need to be addressed with at least 30-35 FTE faculty.
- d) Students records and Grievance Process – Byersly reported on School of Nursing policy of dealing with plagiarism and the student grievance process. It was suggested that the School should check with other Nursing Schools on how they handled such matters.
- e) Due to excessive charges by publishers for internet access to science journals it has been suggested by libraries of several universities that those journals should be boycotted until such charges are reduced. Due to late hour this issue was tabled until a later meeting.
- f)

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM

Submitted,

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Secretary