



## FACULTY SENATE

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Online via Zoom

Those present included:

Allied Health: Kellie Camelford, Rachel Chappell, Luther Gill, George Hebert, Krystal Vaughn

Dentistry: Stephen Brisco, Suzanne Farrar, Larry Bates

Graduate Studies: Suresh Alahari

Library: Marlene Bishop

Medicine: Judy Crabtree, Jennifer Hart, Sanjay Kamboj, Stephany Primeaux, Chris Taylor, Elizabeth Wisner

Nursing: David Kalil, Susan Lee

Public Health: Andrew Chapple, Lee McDaniel, Chih-yang Hu

Ex-Officio, Webmaster: Rebecca Bealer

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Meeting began at 3:30 pm.

Welcome

Invited Guest Speaker, Ms. Alicia Edwards, Registrar: Ms. Edwards took the position of Registrar in March 2020, right before the COVID-19 outbreak. She has been getting to know all of the schools and programs and meeting with the various Associate Deans. She is reviewing policies and procedures and problem solving many COVID-19 related issues. She works closely with Dr. Moerschbaecher, who is her direct supervisor as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. A question was asked about improving course information, and she explained that they are currently preparing to implement a new academic catalog software program to help with that, which should be complete by the end of this school year. A question was asked about attendance rosters, and she explained that instructors must approve attendance rosters in the academic self-service system. She has an open-door policy and her team is also available to assist any time.

August meeting minutes were approved.

Two new senators welcomed: Dr. Larry Bates, School of Dentistry, and Andrew Chapple, School of Public Health

President's Report – Executive Committee met with Dr. Moerschbaecher on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion search has been narrowed down to 3 candidates. They will come to the campus for interviews, and we hope to have few senators meet with them.
- Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs position will be created.
- Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance search will start soon.

- Dean of School of Dentistry search will start soon.
- Director of Human Resources internal search will be conducted. Cori Higginson is the current Interim Director.
- School of Graduate Studies is planning to expand services with Campus Assistance Program (CAP). Associate Dean, Dr. Angela Amedee, will work out the logistics.
- The Board of Supervisors approved LSUHSC-NO's requests for continued designation of Center of Excellence for both the Neuroscience Center of Excellence and the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center of Excellence.
- Construction is still ongoing. No new updates were given.
- Louisiana Board of Regents is providing funding opportunities for online learning. Dr. Moerschbaecher will manage that. Ask your Dean for more information.

#### New Business:

- Senator Taylor, School of Medicine, and colleagues have noticed that ID's are not unlocking all of the doors that should be accessible. For example, the School of Nursing building is still not accessible to enter on the first floor. Other senators have been told to enter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from the walkway. Likely due to on-going construction. Also, construction workers often prop the doors open. President Alahari will inquire.
- Senator Brisco, School of Dentistry, reported regarding the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates. They usually meet quarterly in Alexandria, but the last meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19. They will revisit in-person meeting in December if COVID-19 phasing permits.

Board of Supervisors Meeting: Senator Kamboj reported on the August 14th meeting. Centers of Excellences for both Cancer and Neuroscience were approved as previously reported. A revision to LSUHSC-NO new student housing development plan was approved. LSU Board Bylaw Amendment was proposed to add a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. A report from the Council of Faculty Advisors brought up concerns regarding lack of raises, 36% tax on student stipends, lack of safe COVID-19 testing sites, ownership of lectures recorded for online learning, and smoking and vaping second-hand dangers of exposure to COVID-19.

#### Reports from Assemblies

- Allied Health
  - Assembly met 9/8 and their Dean will disseminate committees soon
  - Revitalizing the Diversity Committee and will include student government
- Dentistry
  - The Student Dental Association Advocacy and Wellness Committee organized activities to commemorate September 11<sup>th</sup> (all socially distanced)
    - Starting this past Sunday, they proposed a challenge of walking, running, etc. for a total of 9.11 miles throughout the week
    - On Friday they will gather at 6am in the sports field for a 60-minute workout
    - They will also have a table set up to gather donations for the Wounded Warriors Project
  - They are seeing patients now and are performing screenings four days a week
  - Health Sciences Center employees and students are eligible for discounts
  - They have a new Chair of Pediatric Dentistry: Dr. Johnson

- Graduate Studies
  - No report
- Medicine
  - Their assembly met 9/3 and Dean Nelson was the guest speaker. COVID numbers are declining; employee testing is going well; still trying to keep staff, students, and faculty off-campus as much as possible
  - Several searches for department chairs continue including Psychiatry, Family Medicine, and Anesthesiology. Cell Biology and Anatomy is on hold and Dr. Canavier is the current interim chair. There is an internal search for the Associate Dean of Admissions, which they hope to fill by the end of this month
  - Renovations at the ILH (University Hospital) are going well
  - Remote learning for students is functioning well, clinical rotations are open and they have access to the facilities
  - Looking for funding opportunities to support pilot studies for COVID research
  - Those who performed extra LCMC clinic work as a result of COVID will be compensated for that time.
  - A new testing machine for COVID is in the works. It is a cooperative project between the Departments of Genetics and Pathology and School of Medicine. Dr. Crabtree is the coordinator. She reported that the equipment has been received but there is a lot to do, so it may be a couple of months until it is ready to go
- Nursing
  - They have several faculty positions open
  - They held their Virtual Family Day on August 29<sup>th</sup> and it was very successful
- Public Health
  - They are updating their Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) process as they have very few non-administrative faculty in the school (the number quoted was 5 non-admin faculty).
  - They are working with LSU to launch the online Bachelor's program with a projected start in May 2021, and LSU will handle promotion of the program
- Library
  - No report

Other comments:

- Senator Kamboj reminded the senate of the tradition to thank our out-going President with a plaque. President Alahari will follow up on that.
- Senate will wait until Phase 3 to resume in-person meetings.

Call for adjournment and meeting adjourned at 4:12pm

Minutes submitted by Marlene M. Bishop, Secretary