**LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly**

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2013

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly was called to order at 4:05 pm on June 6, 2013 in Room 7 of the Lions Building by Dr. Murtuza Ali.

**Present**: Ali, Murtuza; Campeau, Lisa; Cestia, Wayne; Crabtree, Judy; Creel, Amy; Dawkins, Rachel; Engel, Lee: English, Robin; Foster, Timothy; Giambrone, Nicole; Happel, Kyle; Hollenbach, Andrew; Holman, Stacey; Kapusta, Dan; Levitzky, Mike; McDermott, Diana; McGoey, Robin; Mussell, Jason; Neumann, Donna; Winsauer, Peter

**Absent**: Boulmay, Brian; Dimitriades, Costa; Hunt, John; Jagneaux, Tonya

**Proxies:**  Stacey Holman for Jennifer Avegno; Mike Levitzky for Greg Bagby; Roger Hatchette for Erich Conrad; Tim Foster for Steph Cormier; Nicole Giambrone for Betty Lo; Chris Taylor for Alison Quayle

1. **Approval of the minutes from April meeting:** minutes for both April and May were approved unanimously
2. **Special Guests – None**
3. **Reports-**
	* **Executive Council meeting with Dean Nelson** (Zee Ali)
		+ Dual appointment exemption bill passed the house and the senate, and 5 researchers have been approved for Dual appointments/possible VA funding.
		+ Dean Nelson stated that there should be no new cuts to the SOM budget
		+ Dr. David Lefer has accepted LSUHSC offer to be the new Cardiovascular Center of Excellence Director. He starts August 1, 2013 and his basic science appointment is in the Department of Pharmacology. Dean Nelson also stated that he received financial pledges from the Alumni Association and LSUHSC Foundation to build a Cardiovascular Core
		+ Other ongoing recruitments include section chief for Pulmonary/critical care, Department Head for Family Medicine, Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs, and the department head search for Genetics.
	* **Administrative Council Meeting- NA (meeting cancelled)**
	* **Senate Report- None (to meet the following week)**
	* **The Pulse-** (Andrew Hollenbach)
		+ The latest edition of The Pulse is with Dr. Letourneau for distribution
4. **Old Business-**
	* **Department Head Evaluations-**(Peter Winsauer)
		+ Departments were distributed the IDEA survey for evaluations of the Department Heads. Over 60% of the faculty participated in the surveys. The data obtained from the evaluations will go directly to Dean Nelson, and will then be further distributed to each individual department head.
	* **Curriculum Renewal-** (Robin English)
		+ Discussions regarding curriculum renewal began 1 year ago. A qualitative informal analysis of national trends and needs assessments began with focus groups consisting of faculty and students
		+ 2 LCME standards need to be met: adequate integration and active learning. These two factors will be the driving forces for any curriculum changes.
		+ Discussions focused on the number of lecture hours- LSU SOM has more lecture hours than the national average.
		+ Other points made were the need for better integration of basic sciences in clinical years, and clinical application in the first two years of our current curriculum.
		+ A number of topics need to be covered more adequately (Pain Management; Literature Review; Business Competency; Cultural Management).
		+ Discussion followed, and it was suggested that a curriculum steering committee be formed to look at outcomes/trends and to invite experts for faculty development.
		+ The Curriculum Renewal Committee members will be invited based on the Deans recommendation and will be composed of 16 members, including Baton Rouge and Lafayette representatives and students.
		+ 1st order of business for this committee will be to approve the revised goals and to develop a model for the future.
		+ Timeline is set for July 2015 class
5. **New Business-NA**
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. by Murtuza Ali.

Minutes submitted by: Donna M. Neumann