School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Agenda

April 5, 2018

**Opening:** President J. Hunt called the regular meeting of the LSUHSC SOM faculty to order at 4:06 p.m. in Room 7 on the 6th floor of the Lions Building.

**Present**: A. Murtuza, L. Campeau, S. Delacroix, J. Gardner, S. Holman, M. Houser, J. Hunt, S. Kamboj, B. Kelly, J. Lentz, M. Levitzky, R. McGoey, D. Rivera, C. Roth, J. Sturtevant, C. Taylor, P. Winsauer

**Absent:** K. Callahan, T. De Silva, T. Goodchild, K. Happel, J. Hart, L. Hetzler, D. Kapusta, P. Kozlowski, L. Olivia, C. Kilje, J. Mooney, L. Oge, G. Orangio, F. Polite, D. Sen, B. Spieler, J. Surcouf

**Proxy:** L. Campeau (J. Crabtree), S. Kamboj (S. Guillory), J. Lentz (P. Prasad)

1. Guest Speaker: Chris Vidrine, Director of External Affairs
	1. LA Legislative Session 2018 began March 12, must adjourn by June 4.
	2. 1,148 bills have been pre-filed, but legislators can introduce “late-filled” bills (up to 720 total).
	3. Total budget = $27B, 28% is discretionary
		1. State General Funding = $8.6B
		2. Shortfall = $994M
		3. Proposed Cuts - $26M to Higher Education, $831M in State Funding, $2.3B total Funding
		4. See Domino Effect (Handout)
		5. Hope – Federal Tax Reform, BP Settlement, price of oil, increase in income tax and sales tax may all be new sources of revenue that may reduce the shortfall, and thus reduce cuts to spending
	4. Chris strongly encouraged faculty to sign up on the Tiger Health Caucus website to receive regular updates that will include a message to legislators. When signing up, faculty must use their personal email. Website:   <http://www.ciclt.net/sn/adm/editpage.aspx?ClientCode=lsuhscf&FileName=home_page.txt>
2. Approval of Minutes from the March meeting (M. Levitzky motioned; P. Winsauer seconded).
3. Reports:
	1. Executive Committee (did not meet)
	2. SOM Administrative Council (no report)
	3. Faculty Senate (S. Kamboj)
		1. Urgent messaging of crimes and security events on campus – Leslie Capo, UMC and Tulane Security will meet
		2. Use and availability of bathrooms in the library on the weekends was discussed. Students upset that there is only one available bathroom in the library on weekends, and this bathroom on the 3rd floor has been found in poor condition.
		3. P. Winsauer – how do we raise an issue with the Senate? There is no mechanism to report an issue or emergency (power outage, leak, etc) during off-hours, how do we raise this with the Senate?
		4. S. Kamboj and R. McGoey said to bring it to the attention of your faculty Senate Representative (send an email). R. McGoey said she would bring it up at the next meeting.
4. Old Business:
	1. By-laws changed to allow part-time faculty to join FA, M. Levitzky motioned, R. McGoey seconded.
	2. Changes in By-laws will be brought before the general faculty for a vote at the next General Faculty Meeting in the fall 2018.
5. Call for New Business - none.
6. Adjourn, 4:35pm.