LSUHSC SOM Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Thursday, February 2, 2017

**Opening:** President Peter Winsauer called the regular meeting of the Assembly to order at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7 on the 6th floor of the Lions Building.

**Present:** Ali, M; Callahan, K; Delacroix, S; De Silva, T; Engel, L; Foster, T; Gardner, J; Greiffenstein, P; Holman, S; Houser, M; Kamboj, S; Kelly, B; Lee, O; Lentz, J; Levitzky, M; McGoey, R; Mooney, J; Mussell, J; Oge, L; Polite, F; Sturtevant, J; Surcouf, J; Taylor, C; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Guillory, S; Happel, K; Hetzler, L; Hunt, J; Kapusta, D; Prasad, P; Sherman, W; Spieler, B

**Proxies:** Kamboj, S for Crabtree, J; Levitzky, M for Neumann, D; Mussell, J for Campeau, L

1. **Approval of Minutes from the January meeting:** Peter Winsauer put forth a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, and Mike Levitzky seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Guest:** Stephanie Davi, Director of Stewardship, LSU Health Foundation, discussed the following efforts to communicate programs at LSUHSC to the community:
	1. Stephanie Davi presented the 2015-2016 LSU Health Foundation New Orleans Annual Report, which highlights programs taking place at LSU Health New Orleans. She announced that it is the first communication that publicizes the good work that we do and that it went out to all the donors. She stated that it is meant to showcase the school.
	2. Peter Winsauer stated that there is a campus-wide problem with communication; no one at the Assembly had seen the Annual Report. He asked how can we (Faculty Assembly) improve campus communication?
	3. Linda Oge stated that a regular communication would also be good for bridging satellite campuses. May be valuable for Ms. Davi to visit all of the Faculty Assemblies to get stories.
	4. Ms. Davi announced that they are currently working on producing an impact report, end of 2017 report, on how the funds lead to research, education, and clinical care. She asked for ideas/stories that could be tied with a donor.
	5. Stephanie also encouraged all faculty to join the Tiger Health Caucus to get the latest information on legislation affecting LSUHSC. She indicated the purpose of the grass roots group (faculty, students, etc.) is to advocate to legislators about important issues. First goal is to be up and running by the next legislative session on 2/13.
	6. Stephanie demonstrated how to navigated the website to join the Caucus. **The email address you provide must be a personal email, and the address should be your home address so that it tracks with districting.**
	7. Scott Delacroix asked Ms. Davi how many individuals devote their time to fund-raising activities at the LSU Health Foundation – 2 FTEs, why not more? Stephanie stated that this was discussed at the last board meeting. The Foundation is in the middle of a transition and this issue will be taken up by next President.
3. **Reports**
	1. **Executive Committee** – no meeting.
	2. **SOM Administrative Council** – (C. Taylor)
		1. Chancellor Hollier attended and discussed possible budget scenarios. Currently, there is a $314M state budget shortfall. A special session is scheduled for 2/14; additional cuts to higher education are not expected.
		2. King Alexander does not support equity raises because of shortfall.
		3. Dean Nelson said we have been creative in the past with RICP and supplements, and will continue to push for equity raises, but nothing will come prior to next fiscal year July 1.
		4. Dean Nelson also stated that we lost two business managers to Tulane and UNO, likely due to not being able to give raises.
		5. The search for a Cancer Service Line Director at UMC is ongoing.
		6. UMC CFO is leaving; the search for a replacement is starting.
		7. William Cefalu is leaving Pennington to go to American Diabetes Association (ADA) as Chief Scientific Officer. La Cats $20M renewal in the balance. Donna Ryan has been named as interim PI.
		8. There are 38 new VA residency spots.
		9. Dr. Hilton gave the GME Annual Report Executive Summary.
	3. **Faculty Senate** – (P. Winsauer)
		1. Shuttle usage was discussed. Since the availability of the shuttle app, which tracks the shuttle during its route, ridership is not increasing. Therefore, UMC and others are trying to figure out how to promote ridership with signage. The signage also has to make it clear that this shuttle is for staff and not the general public.
		2. There is still a plan in place to house as many as 30 state troopers in the Seton Building across from ILH. They will occupy the first floor and they will also use the parking lot for their vehicles. The hope is that increased trooper presence will lead to increase safety on campus.
		3. Sanjay Kamboj stated there are also plans for some of the clinics at St. Charles to move to Seton.
		4. Scott Delacroix is working with Chancellor Hollier on PM-5 to ensure that state employees get state/fed holidays.
4. **Old Business**
	1. Updates on the new curriculum were discussed by Joy Sturtevant and Murtuza Ali.
		1. Cardio/ Pulmonary blocks went well and the students tested well. Nephrology is on-going.
	2. Faculty Assembly charity fundraising efforts were discussed by Peter Winsauer and Taniya De Silva.
		1. 1st Coffee for a Cause, sponsored by Senate was held on January 19. It went very well; at least 60 people came, and raised over $200 that will go to LSU faculty, students and staff affected by the recent flooding.
		2. Best story of successful interacting - John Hunt met a co-author for the first time.
		3. A basic scientist and a clinician discussed a potential collaboration concerning ALS.
	3. Peter Winsauer announced that the Faculty Assembly has control over a Faculty Assembly email address again.
	4. Fitness Center hours were discussed.
		1. Peter Winsauer stated that he is working with Scott Delacroix and the Senate to push for extended fitness center hours with card access.
	5. Issues regarding HSC Housekeeping were discussed.
		1. Trash is still not picked up daily, but the service is better.
	6. The level of scholarly activity was discussed.
		1. Dr. Winsauer reported that the issue was discussed briefly at a meeting that Dr. Di Carlo had with the Appointments and Promotions Committee this week.
		2. Dr. Di Carlo stated that because of the LCME reaccreditation efforts, the deadline for promotion packets would likely be kept in September.
		3. Peter Winsauer discussed the conflict of interest with the Department Heads getting 2 votes on the promotion of faculty. Dr. Di Carlo is checking on SOM bylaws.
		4. Mike Levitzky stated that to his knowledge the current process may not be spelled out in the current SOM bylaws, and therefore, we may have latitude on changing the process to reduce the conflict of interest.
		5. The Faculty Assembly expressed interest in conducting Department Head evaluations, which have not taken place in last 4 years. The Delegates suggested that it may be beneficial for Dept. Heads to again get feedback on the things that their faculty are concerned about.
5. **New Business –** Scott Delacroix announced that LSU Urology now has its own independent residency program.

**Adjournment:** Mike Levitzky moved to adjourn, seconded by Florencia Polite, meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Lentz.