**LSUH-NO-SOM Faculty Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2015

**Opening:** Dr. Peter Winsauer called the regular meeting of the LSUH-NO-SOM Faculty Assembly to order at 4:02PM in Room 7 on the 6th floor of the Lions Building.

**Present:** Ali, M; Boulmay, B; Crabtree, J; De Silva, T; Farris, H; Guillory, S; Happel, K; Harrison-Bernard, L; Hebert, C; Hunt, J; Kamboj, S; Lee, O; Lentz, J; Levitzky, M; Oge, L; Polite, F; Sherman, W; Taylor, C; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Campeau, L; Delacroix, S; Engel, L; Greiffenstein, P; Hetzler, L; Holman, S; Kapusta, D; Lazartigues, E; McGoey, R; Mussell, J; Neumann, D; Spieler, B; Welsh, D

**Proxies:** Ali, M for Neumann, D;Crabtree, J for Campeau, L; Danrad, R for Spieler, B; Harrison-Bernard, L for Lazartigues, E; Hebert, C for Engel, L; Levitzky, M for Mussell, J; Taylor, C for Welsh, D; Winsauer, P for McGoey, R

1. **Approval of the minutes from September meeting:** Peter Winsauer moved to approve the minutes for September and was seconded by Mike Levitzky. Motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Reports**:
* **FA Executive Committee**
	+ Did not meet, no report
* **SOM Administrative Council (Crabtree)**
	+ Did not meet, no report
* **Faculty Senate (Winsauer)**
* An instrument to address salary compression is almost ready to implement, the hope is to identify areas with the largest compression. Dean Nelson is interested in addressing compression issues with both faculty and staff.
* An Adhoc Committee, advisory to the President, has been formed to address shuttle efficiency.
* Behind on recycling. Looking in the possibility of getting UMC involved in recycling.
1. **Old Business**
* **Letter to Chancellor about Crosswalk Safety (Winsauer)**
* Revisions to the Letter to the Chancellor about crosswalk safety for LSUH-NO employees and students crossing Tulane Ave including overall pedestrian safety on LSUH-NO campus was discussed. Next steps will be to discuss it with the Dean.
* **Mechanisms to increase collaboration with LSU-H (Lentz)**
* A link to the LSUH-BR Dept. of Biological Sciences Seminar Series soliciting speakers has been posted on the home page of the FA website.
1. **New Business**
* An update/overview on new medical school curriculum 6 weeks into the semester was given by **Dr. Robin English**.
	+ First year students started the Intro to the Profession course, which ran for the first 2 weeks of the semester, prior to science courses. A student survey was conducted with good participation and showed that the students really liked the course but expressed that they don’t need a full 2 weeks and want to get started with science courses sooner.
	+ Dr. English is attending all courses/lectures to observe. Classes appear to be very well attended.
	+ She is planning to meet with Course directors to discuss changes and more integration between courses. She plans to invite course directors to curriculum review/renewal committee meetings each semester for informal feedback. Gross/Biochem curriculum review/renewal committee meeting will be 10/21.
	+ MDLs are being used for TBLs
	+ The new format of the Clinical Skills Integration was discussed, good feedback from students.
	+ Overall course averages are being monitored and will be discussed as they relate to course development.
	+ Dr. Farris asked whether more faculty are needed for Gross lab; and Dr. English responded that no formal requests have been made.
	+ Second semester schedule is almost finalized. Course titles and topics have been identified.
	+ Drs. English and DiCarlo are diligently working with the Dean to get Y2 course directors named.
	+ The Longitudinal Professional Experience course was discussed. Looking for mentors/PIs who can let a medical student shadow them for a year to provide a low stress environment for a student to look at a particular specialty or research setting. A menu and assessments/metrics of longitudinal experiences are being developed.
* An update/overview on governmental affairs was given by **Christopher Vidrine**.
	+ Several 2015 Legislative Session Wins were highlighted:
		- FY14/15 Funding was maintained
		- Plus an $2.5M in additional operating funds
		- Restored & expanded the state general fund to provide matching dollars for academic physicians for services to Medicaid recipients (UPL program).
		- $525,000 for Louisiana Tumor Registry
		- $490,000 for the LCRC
		- $4.2M approved for the renovation/expansion of the pre-clinical area of the Dental School
		- Fee authority legislation was passed.
* Dr. Winsauer congratulated Chris Vidrine on success of district data sheets that were generated to show the impact LSUHSC has in each of the legislator’s districts, including # of students, employees, alumni, patients treated at LSUHSC facilities and tax revenue.
* Current and future budget issues were discussed:
	+ Revenue generating measures that were passed did not generate funding expected, resulting in a $4.6M cut from state Budget
	+ FY 15 La State Deficit: in excess of $100M
	+ Medicaid shortfalls: $300-$350M in expected costs, due to increased utilization
	+ TOPS Deficit: $19M
	+ Projected La State Deficit for FY16: $700M
* Post session activities:
* LSUStudents generated a Report Card for La. Legislators that were graded based on support for higher education
* LSUHSC-NO Foundation announced the first annual 2015 Outstanding Legislators award winners - Senators Edwin Murray, John Alario, & David Heitmeier & Representatives Walt Leger and Helena Moreno. A graphic was created and posted to facebook announcing the award and awards will be given at a luncheon with the award winners and the Deans on 10-28.
* LSU Alumni Association surveyed Gubernatorial Candidates through a questionnaire about:
	+ A Funding model based on outcomes and performance
	+ Funding/Policy for meeting workforce needs requiring bachelors/advanced degrees
	+ Enhancing research
	+ Appropriate percentage of state funding vs tuition
	+ Funding institutions with low or no students
	+ Results of questionnaire will be distributed to alumni and supporters. (C. Vidrine has results (10/14))
* 2016 Legislative Issues were discussed:
	+ Budget
	+ Higher education – TOPS, Outcomes based funding formula, workforce, research
	+ Healthcare – Medicaid Expansion, Public Private Partnerships
* Support for research was discussed; committed to fund LSU, Pennington Biomedical Research Center and area higher education institutions at nationally competitive levels.
* Focus at LSUHSC is to insure that any discussion about Medicaid expansion must include a discussion about the workforce needed to meet the needs of the newly insured patients.
* ILH re-purposing was discussed. Timeline 3-4 years to purchase/renovate. Renovation plans include faculty offices, expanding simulation centers, new Wellness Center. The project was ranked #1 new project by the LSU Board of Supervisors and will be considered at the next Board of Regents meeting for ranking and approval within the Higher Education Capital Outlay budget submission. The faculty expressed an interest in participating in re-design plans.
* Reminder to sign-up and support SOM Committee on Women’s Affair’s LSUHSC Team for the Komen Race for the Cure 5K race/walk on Saturday 10/24 in City Park (Ali). Contact Donna Neumann (dneum1@lsuhsc.edu) for more info.
* Adding a Suggestion Box for Meeting Agenda Items on the home page of Faculty Assembly website was discussed and supported (Winsauer).
1. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:07PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lentz