**LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2014

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly was called to order at 4:07PM in Room 7 of the Lions Building by Dr. Stacey Holman

**Present:** Campeau, L; Crabtree, J; Delacroix, S; Foster, T; Happel, K; Harrison-Bernard, L; Holman, S; Hunt, J; Kamboj, S; Mussell, J; Neumann, D; Welsh, D; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Avegno, J; Boulmay, B; Cestia, W; Conrad, E; Dawkins, R; English, R; Hollenbach, A; Jagneaux, T; Kapusta, D; Lazartigues, E; Quayle, A; Spieler, B; Thien, D

**Proxies:** Mussell, J for Ali, M; Kamboj, S for Hebert, C; Holman, S for Levitzky, M; Crabtree, J for McGoey, R

1. **Approval of the minutes from February meeting:** Delayed until quorum was achieved. Dr. Kamboj moved to approve minutes for February and was seconded by Dr. Happel. Motion was approved unanimously
2. **Reports:**
   * **Executive council meeting with Dean Nelson held on 2.27.14**
     + HCA out of East Jeff
       1. Dean Nelson not surprised
          1. HCA’s main representative in New Orleans (Mel Lagarde) lost his support at the highest levels of HCA headquarters for the endeavor
          2. HCA will stay with Tulane for immediate future
       2. Children’s/Touro is going for West Jeff
          1. West Jeff can apply for more CAPs because they have never had their own in their entire history, unlike East Jeff

Application would require removing existing CAPs for 1 year before being able to return for remainder of application process

Would affect LSU programs currently in West Jeff, but Dean Nelson was confident solutions could be found for the year

* + - Physical plant issues
      1. Black material routinely being emitted from air ducts
      2. Temperature in offices and lecture rooms frequently uncomfortable (both cold and hot)
         1. Facilities blames this on poor planning in original building design
      3. Dean Nelson encouraged the Senate to pressure Mr. John Ball
    - General Faculty meeting
      1. Dean Nelson is working on finalizing a date and will send notice ASAP
    - Proposed changes to ORP
      1. Continues to hamper LSUHSC by making us non-competitive
         1. This is in addition to low salary, lack of infrastructure, etc.
      2. Biggest problem was Teacher’s lost so many people by privatizing
         1. Paying out for early retirement
         2. Loss of so many paying into Teachers in the first place
    - Patrick Taylor Foundation has agreed to fund 4 $25,000 scholarships for 3rd & 4th year medical students committing to primary care starting in 2015
      1. Current commitment is for 4 years ($800,000 total)
      2. Dean Nelson hopes that success of this program could lead to long term funding from the organization
  + **Faculty Senate Report**
    - Marie Cole spoke on benefits change to WebTPA (Aetna)
      1. LSUFirst plans are sent out to bid every 3 years
         1. WebTPA was lowest bidder
      2. Mentioned that email was sent out to members about the change
         1. Seemed genuinely surprised that one sentence buried in the bottom third of lengthy email was insufficient notice of change
         2. Is willing to work on better advertisement of change in the future
      3. Deborah Edwards is the Member Advocate for LSUFirst subscribers
      4. There will be a 5% increase in health premiums starting next year
      5. Subcontract for Dental and Eye care is going out to bid this year
    - Crosswalks are unlikely to be an issue before the new hospital is complete
      1. Really a city issue and the city is not willing at this time
    - Administration seems supportive of the installation of AEDs
    - Changes to the employer contribution to the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) from ~5.2% to ~3.7 effective July 1, 2014 dominated discussion
      1. Faculty Senate has invited the President of LSU-BR Faculty Senate to speak on the matter
      2. Rate change does not need legislative approval
      3. Two bills are before the state legislature on which citizens can encourage their representatives to act
         1. H.B. 6 in the house wants to permanently establish the employer contribution to the ORP at 6.25%
         2. S.B. 5 in the senate seeks to allow ORP members the option to transfer into the Teacher’s Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

1. **Old Business:**
   * Curriculum Renewal
     + Met with department heads and is getting ready to bring models of second year to the course directors
   * Strategic Plan
     + Reporting dates have been pushed back to May instead of February
       1. Members believe the importance of the Strategic Plan was lost as larger issues concerning Hospital partnership with Children’s Hospital come to the fore (e.g. Open Medical Staff)
       2. Work groups are finalizing documents to put forth to the Dean
2. **New Business/Announcements:**
   * Paolo Zambito, Senior Vice President of Operations at LSU Interim Hospital, was recommended as a possible speaker at the General Faculty meeting to update Faculty on the new LCMC
   * International travel committee
     + New guidelines and process was enacted to empower department heads
       1. Department heads must approve all international travel before abstract is submitted
          1. Has not worked out that way
          2. Departmental decisions have been overturned at higher levels
3. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 by Dr. Stacey Holman

Minutes submitted by: Jason C Mussell