**LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly**

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2013

**Opening:**

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

**Present**: Ali, Murtuza; Bagby, Gregory; Boulmay, Brian; Cestia, Wayne; Conrad, Erich; Crabtree, Judy; Creel, Amy; Dawkins, Rachel; Dimitriades, Costa; Engel, Lee; English, Robin; Foster, Timothy; Hollenbach, Andrew; Hunt, John; Kapusta, Dan; Lo, Betty; McGoey, Robin; McDermott, Diana; Mussell, Jason; Neumann, Donna; Quayle, Alison; Winsauer, Peter

**Absent**: Happel, Kyle; Jagneaux, Tonya; Levitzky, Mike

**Proxies:**  Zee Ali for Jennifer Avegno; Jason Mussell for Lisa Campeau; Peter Winsauer for Stephania Cormier; Rachel Dawkins for Nicole Giambrone; Robin McGoey for Stacey Holman

1. **Approval of the minutes from January meeting:** Delegates unanimously approved the minutes.
2. **Special Guests – none**
3. **Items discussed**

* Concerns regarding billing and coding practices were raised in the January meeting, and it was suggested that more training would greatly benefit the faculty practices. It was clarified at the March meeting that individual departments or faculty could solicit this feedback individually, but that the Healthcare Network does not currently have the resources to undertake systematic education at this time.
* Concerns are still being raised regarding the LSU 2015 deal. Although seminars are being held, they are not well advertised and they are more informational rather than seminars based on faculty input. .
* It was announced that Dr. Fred Cerise was named Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs for the SOM.
* The current strategic plan is expiring. A new committee will be meeting to devise a new strategic plan.

1. **Reports**
   * **Executive Board (Zee Ali)-** 
     + Children’s Hospital partnership with ILH is scheduled to occur June 24, 2013 for the public-private partnership.
     + A new round of budget cuts is expected to occur over the summer. This cut is estimated to be ~6 million for the entire LSUHSC. It has not yet decided what will be cut as a result.
     + Dean Nelson has tasked Dr. Backes with performing a system wide evaluation of research and the impact of budget cuts to LSUHSC research. The evaluation of LSUHSC Core Labs has already begun. Several issues with Core labs have been identified.
     + The Dean has also expressed interest in re-establishing the Research Council.
     + LSUHSC is currently working with legislators to extend an exception to the federal/state employment issues in order to allow LSUHSC research faculty to apply for VA funds.
     + A number of items were discussed, including the re-assignment of residents once the private-public partnership happens. No final; decisions have been made yet
     + Dean Nelson is still actively pursuing candidates to head Genetics and the Cardiovascular Center
     + A clinical trials unit has been established on the 5th floor of the LCRC
     + Dual appointment exemption status was discussed with regards to VA funding for LSU SOM researchers
     + Billing from the HCN has been evaluated (collections are over 90% of match net collections)
   * **SOM Administrative Council:** **same as above**
   * **SOM Newsletter (The Pulse-(Andrew Hollenbach):**
     + Next issue being written. The communications committee also met with Chris Vidrine to discuss ways to improve public relations within the community.
   * **Baton Rouge (Tonya Jagneaux)-no report**
   * **Lafayette (Wayne Cestia)- no report**
2. **Old Business- Mobile Device security (Zee Ali)-**
   * CM-42 rewritten and finalized
3. **New Business**

* The SOM Communications committee has met with Chris Vidrine to discuss communication between LSU and the community. Many faculty expressed interest in participating in more community outreach, but the lack of communication and advertisement regarding outreach programs hinders LSU community involvement.
  + There is concern that LSUHSC participation in community outreach is never highlighted and this needs to be addressed.
* AAMC representation of LSU SOM faculty was discussed. Nominations for one junior faculty and one department head, or equivalent will be made by the FA to Dean Nelson. Solicitation for participants will begin shortly.

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1. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Murtuza Ali.

Minutes submitted by: Donna M. Neumann