SGA Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2013
5:30 PM, Lion’s Building, SLC Large Lecture Hall

I. Executive Board Reports
   a. President – Renford Cindass (rcinda@lsuhsc.edu)
      i. Welcome back to spring semester!
      ii. Caitlin had been working on audits over the break, and FMIG is the only group that has to be
          placed on probation for this semester. If the materials are not turned in by end of fall semester, FMIG will be removed from SGA.
          1. Things required for audits:
             a. List of all new and current officers
             b. List of all meeting dates
             c. List of all current dues-paying members, and documentation of dues collected
             d. Annual budget
             e. Attendance records for all meetings
             f. Annual letter from faculty supervisor for interest group
      iii. Student discount cards: Waiting on email back from company. They would work out discounts from ~20 restaurants around the city. Hopefully we will hear back soon. We can submit 50 restaurants and they guarantee 20 for discounts. Let him know which restaurants we should request.
      iv. Sample rooms at new hospital – can set up tours of the rooms for students. Your class presidents will let you know when those tours are available.
   b. Executive VP – Daniel Logsdon (dlogsd@lsuhsc.edu)
      i. Family Day is April 20. Providing food. Will ask for volunteers from 1st and 2nd year class soon.
   c. VP of Community Affairs – Adele Williams (awil26@lsuhsc.edu)
      i. On rotation
      ii. Tiger Run is April 21.
      iii. Approved for CPE/PDE credit: Art Gallery volunteers, Childrens Hospital Art and Music Day Volunteers, Musician Clinic Volunteers, MLK Jr. Day of Service Volunteers, Scrub Crawl Volunteers, Yearbook class editors, Ben Franklin 3rd grade Science Project Volunteers
   d. VP of Social Affairs – Elyse Bevier (ebevie@lsuhsc.edu)
      i. Softball for Surgery: happened Saturday January 25
      ii. After schoolwide service project on Feb 23, planning on having mixer at possibly Bayou Beer Garden or Bulldog to thank everyone.
      iii. April 11: American Sector happy hour
      iv. End of year party – date TBD
   e. VP of Student Health – Katherine Pyburn (kpybur@lsuhsc.edu)
i. Splash cards distributed to L1s and L2s. If you didn’t get one, email her or your class president.

f. Treasurer – Stephen Carriere (scarr1@lsuhsc.edu)
   i. PayPal and credit card machine for school parties – in the works

i. VP of Student Technology – Claude Pirtle (cpirtl@lsuhsc.edu)
   i. Clickers: May have to purchase another set of clickers.
   ii. Tech Committee next week. Will talk about tablets.

h. Secretary – Caitlin Robinson (crob14@lsuhsc.edu)
   i. On rotation

i. Intramurals Chairs – Holly Martin (hmart1@lsuhsc.edu)
   a. Start dates for intramurals
      i. Co-ed and men’s softball: Feb 17
      ii. Basketball: February 4th (?)
          1. Will have month for sign-ups. Double elimination tournament. Contact her if girls are interested.

j. Yearbook Chair- Robert Oubre (roubre@lsuhsc.edu)
   a. Need pictures for interest groups and paragraphs about the groups for the yearbook. Deadline is March 1! Very important. Will not be in yearbook if you don’t do this.
   b. Email any other photos that you think would be good for the yearbook.

k. L4 President – Clark Alsfeld (lalsfe@lsuhsc.edu)
   b. Ophtho Match: UCLA, SLU, LSU, UAB…
   c. Match Day: March 15. Open letters at Superdome and then crawfish boil on campus. Will send out email to get volunteers from other classes.
      i. Will try to find a way to not put limitations on how many guests people can invite.
      ii. Unofficial post-match day party in the works.

l. L3 President – David Impastato (dimpas@lsuhsc.edu)
   a. John Ball: Thursday March 28 on the Steamboat Natchez

m. L2 President – Samantha Baker (sbake4@lsuhsc.edu)

n. L1 President -- Spandana "Spud" Induru (sindur@lsuhsc.edu)
   a. Cadaver Ball: March 15.
   b. Camp Tiger Auction: April 19. If you have items for the auction, please let her know.

II. Office of Student Affairs Update

   i. Recently met to discuss the 1st and 2nd year students who are having issues, and letters to those students recently went out. Having a meeting to discuss students with deficiencies in the 3rd and 4th year classes soon. At the June meeting, will make final decisions about those students. This committee does not determine grades. Faculty determines grades.

   ii. Interest groups: Application is on the forms page on the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs website. SGA approves group first, then Dr. D signs the form, then it is forwarded to LSUHSC Student Affairs Committee where they vote on it. Don’t vote very often, so it could be a year before actual approval is given.

   iii. T-shirts: Dr. D has to approve interest group t-shirts. Send him the proof.

III. New Business

IV. Student Group Announcements
a. PIG would like to thank everyone who donated toys to the toy drive. It was extremely successful.

V. Future Meetings

VI. Dean Nelson

a. Update on hospitals:

i. New Orleans: Children’s is going to be a partner that manages interim hospital. He feels that this is a good thing. Children’s has proven to be a good partner, and they also have a rich endowment so they can invest.

ii. When he came here from Hopkins in 1984, Charity hospital had ~1500 beds. Now UH only has a few hundred. Basically what has happened is that the underserved has been denied access in order to lower costs. More patients you see as students, the better doctors you will be. With private hospitals as partners of LSU hospitals, there will no longer be a spending cap, so the number of beds will grow, and you will ultimately be able to see more patients.

iii. Children’s wants to do this because they will be the managing entity of the new University hospital, and they want to have a smooth transition with faculty and facilities from interim to the new hospital.

iv. There is zero doubt in his mind that the opportunities available to us in July will be better than we had before, in terms of resources and residencies.

v. Earl K Long is moving into OLOL, a much larger and more advanced hospital. Lafayette General will be keeping UMC open in Lafayette.
   1. Usually when public hospital moves into a private hospital, there is angst between private/public doctors, but once they see the caliber of our doctors and students, that will no longer be an issue.
   vi. Private hospitals tend to have more leverage with the government, which may be useful considering recent budget cuts.

vii. Students applying to medical school this year: already 3000 applications, highest number ever. Average science GPA: 3.7-3.8. Average MCAT: ~30. MD/PhD: taking 5-8.
   1. Taking 5% out-of-state students.
   2. A few years ago, it was advertised we were going to take more out-of-state students, but that was because we were thinking we were going to expand activities in BR (2-4 year program) and Lafayette (3 year rural program). But with budget cuts, didn’t feel good about starting programs in other locations just yet. Still interested, but need more funding. Would be about $10-14 million per year per program in other cities. About $70000 per year to educate a medical student.

viii. Very important for us to have our students stay in New Orleans and south LA for residencies. Programs that exist now will only improve. Education is better now than in previous years because he has asked everyone to be accountable.
   1. We think it’s great if you want to go to programs in other states and cities. We only want you to stay if you think the residency here is a good opportunity.

ix. We have recruited over 90-100 faculty in the past couple of the years, 9 department chairs, etc. Primary care has been invested in. Mary Coleman is focused on primary care development.

x. NIH grants: $3 million per year. NIH funding is only <67% now since Katrina, so we are still holding our own.
xi. LSU redesign: Want to do this because if they redesign the way the University is structured, then the funding for ALL LSU institutions around the state gets thrown into 1 pot → we become one of the top 50-60 research institutions in the country.

xii. Facilities: We continue to renovate our facilities. May convert MEB to lecture rooms and offices for faculty only and build another research building. Would cost $60 million dollars. 1st floor of Resource building is open and is where the Bursar’s office is located. CSRB 1st floor is not open yet because it is part of another project. Student Affairs may be relocated to 1st floor of Lion’s Building.

xiii. New hospital is scheduled to open at the end of 2014-beginning of 2015. Actually ahead of schedule. Costs about $1.2 billion. Was supposed to open with the VA hospital, but they got set back by almost a year. We are actually ahead of them now. An ambulatory care building is being funded by Children's as well. Community complained about design because there was a lot of vacant land. We wanted it that way because we are convinced that we may need to build more buildings to provide more beds.

xiv. In the past, we were mostly identified as charity physicians. We were squeezed out of private sector. We want to see as many types of patients as possible, public and private. St Charles Clinics and other private clinics have benefitted us in that way. Do not want to be completely dependent on state funds. State general funds provides about 6-7% of our cost. We have entered the private sector, expanded research, etc to help fill that void.

xv. New cancer center: Tulane has moved in already. Built with state funds. Was supposed to be a cancer patient care facility for both Tulane and LSU. Tulane has blocked every attempt to put patients in there because they have their own cancer patient facility. So now it is just going to be used for research. Operating budget is $10 million/year, funded by tobacco tax. Not one dollar was sent aside for lights and utilities in the plans so need to come up with money to do that. 5th floor – want to put clinical trials unit in there. Hopefully open in a year.

xvi. Projected economic impact for new hospital: Bioinnovations Center, Cancer Center, VA hospital, new University Hospital are providing about 5000 construction jobs and about 2500 new healthcare jobs.

xvii. Some workers, nurses, doctors at Earl K. Long and other hospitals have already left their positions because they were worried their future. Childrens does plan to rehire as many healthcare workers as possible if they have to let some go temporarily in the transition.

xviii. He believes the governor will accept Medicaid expansion.

xix. 800 residents total at LSU. Planning to build new residencies in Lafayette. In the past we were thinking we would have to move residency spots to different cities due to budget cuts to hospitals. Now that Children’s is partnering, we will not have to move any spots at all. May actually have more residency spots in the future due to increased capacity.

xx. East Jeff and West Jeff are for sale. HCA and Childrens are top bidders. HCA owns Tulane. If HCA gets the hospitals, there would be a non-compete clause and they wouldn’t be able to have their private patients at the new hospital as well as East/West Jeff. That would be good for LSU because that would make more room for LSU residents at the new hospital. If Children’s gets East/West Jeff hospital, then they would have a very robust network of hospitals, which is good for them.
OB has been moved out of interim hospital and into Touro because pts would come to interim hospital for prenatal care and not for their delivery. You only get paid at the delivery – not for prenatal care – and residencies need a certain number of deliveries. So Touro will be more specialized in OB. Ideally we would have more high-end, specialized cases/surgeries at the new hospital and need to let community hospitals take care of more typical cases (gallbladders, etc).

VII. Adjourn