**LSUH-NO-SOM Faculty Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2016

**Opening:** L. Engel called the regular meeting of the LSUH-NO-SOM Faculty Assembly to order at 4:08 PM in Room 7 on the 6th floor of the Lions Building.

**Present:** Ali, M; Crabtree, J; Delacroix, S; Engel, L; Farris, H; Greiffenstein, P; Happel, K; Hunt, J; Lazartigues, E; Lentz, J; Levitzky, M; Neumann, D; Oge, L; Polite, F; Taylor, C; Welsh, D; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Boulmay, B; De Silva, T; Guillory, S; Hebert, C; Hetzler, L; Kapusta, D; Lee, O; Sherman, W; Spieler, B;

**Proxies:** Crabtree, J for Campeau, L; Happel, K for Kamboj, S; Levitzky, M for Harrison-Bernard, L; Neumann, D for Mussell, J; Polite, F for Holman, S; Winsauer, P for McGoey, R;

1. **Approval of the minutes from March meeting:** Ali, M moved to approve the minutes for March and was seconded by Winsauer, P. Motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Reports**:

* **FA Executive Committee (Engel)**
  + Updates on budget cuts are expected in June.
  + Dean Nelson reiterated opportunities at VA.
  + Dean Nelson is working with Stacey Holman on UMC academic leave request policy.
* **SOM Administrative Council (Crabtree)**
  + Faculty Searches (Nelson)
    - Associate Dean of Student Affairs – Cathy Lazarus
    - Assistant Dean of Student Affairs – Ham Farris
    - OB/Gyn & Derm in progress
    - ID – 2 (internal) candidates, plans are to re-advertise in coming weeks
* Dr. Letourneau will retire effective Jan 1, 2017; and search will begin soon for her replacement.
* Budget (Nelson)
  + No cuts this year (2016).
  + Facing a $750M shortfall into next year, no resolutions yet.
  + Dean Nelson will continue to lobby for equity/merit raises for faculty.
* CEO of UMC (Nelson)
  + Not formally announced, but only candidate they brought back was Mr. William Masterson from Piedmont Medical Center, part of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation
* HCN CEO (Nelson)
  + Advertising will begin soon.
  + Dr. Winters is interim CEO after Cathi Fontenot stepped down and wishes to be considered
* Faculty Advancement (Gregory)
  + Future workshop dates:
    - Children’s: April 11, 4PM, Children’s Auditorium
    - Clinical: April 12, 4:30PM, UMC, Conf Center Rm 1518J
    - Lafayette: April 21, 11AM, UHC Lafayette
    - Baton Rouge: April 21, 3:30PM, Medical Education Bld, lecture room 1, floor 1
  + Advancement packets due in Dr. Letourneau’s office in mid-Sept.
* MEB renovations (Nelson)
  + Attempting to get a plan in place for renovation of floors 5-7
  + Will have to be a step-wise process because total cost for renovation is ~ $45M
  + Chairs encouraged to begin cleaning up space
* Animals in research (Nelson)
  + Animal capacity is limited
  + FEMA renovations to start within the next year, limiting space even more, and is projected to take at least 3 years to complete space in the back of CSRB
  + Encouraged Dept Chairs and Center Directors to identify animal needs early in recruitment
* **Faculty Senate** 
  + Meeting next week

1. **Old Business**

* Faculty Assembly Awards
  + Lee acknowledged Judy Crabtree for all her hard work.
  + Peter Winsauer will give out awards at the General Faculty Meeting on May 3.
* Faculty Forward Survey
  + Ad hoc task forces have been formed to present data, action plans are being developed.
  + Peter Winsauer stated that the FA was tasked with how to disseminate results and should have a recommendation to Dr. Letourneau’s office about the best way to communicate.
* New Curriculum Updates
  + All course Directors have been selected, notified, and accepted.
* Faculty Assembly website updates/responses - none
* Faculty Assembly Charity Fundraising Committee
  + Patrick discussed the possibility/potential for FA and LSUHSC faculty to support the Greater New Orleans Science and Technology Fair for students as judges or guidance for teachers.

1. **New Business**

* Replacement for Hamilton Farris was discussed, as he is now in the Dean’s office.
* The call for 2016-2019 FA nominations was discussed.

1. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lentz