**LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2015

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly was called to order at 4:05PM in Room 7 of the Lions Building by Dr. Stacey Holman

**Present:** Ali, M; Campeau, L; Crabtree, J; Engel, L; Farris, H; Harrison-Bernard, L; Hebert, C; Holman, S; Hunt, J; Kamboj, S; Kapusta, D; Lazartigues, E; Levitzky, M; McGoey, R; Mussell, J; Neumann, D; Quayle, A; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Catling, A; Cestia, W; De Silva, T; Delacroix, S; Greiffenstein, P; Happel, K; LaCombe, J; Polite, F; Spieler, B; Welsh, D

**Proxies:** Hebert, C for Boulmay, B; Mussell, J for English, R

1. **Approval of the minutes from December meeting:** Dr. Levitzky moved to approve minutes for December and was seconded by Dr. Winsauer. Motion was approved unanimously
2. **Invited Guest –** Dr. Robert Maupin, Associate Dean for Diversity and Community Engagement
	* The Office of Community and Minority Health Education is now the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement
		+ Want to reflect that the office is not just for a small group of students
		+ Will interface broadly across campus
	* Office will work with the new Hospital and its Partners on projects to convert the level of insured for the long term
		+ Focus on communities experiencing disparities just outside the hospital walls
		+ Helping and welcoming the communities with the greatest disparities may put the hospital in the driver’s seat moving forward as changes to health care continue nationwide
	* The office is working with Xavier and Dillard Universities to develop long term scholarships (undergraduate and medical school) based at these institutions
		+ Hopwood v. Texas case in 1996 is used as the basis by which the LSUSOM cannot offer scholarships restricted to minorities
	* Details on these initiatives can be found in Dr. Maupin’s presentation, which will be distributed with the January minutes
3. **Reports**:
	* **Faculty Senate**
		+ Chancellor Hollier has brought up the issue of raises for all staff of the Health Sciences Center with President Alexander
			1. UPDATE – 4% raises made effect January 1, 2015
		+ The recycling program has begun
			1. Bins placed on all floors of MEB by the elevators and the 3rd floor Atrium between MEB and the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health Building
4. **Unfinished Business**
* **Bylaws**
	+ The following changes to the Bylaws were passed unanimously
		1. Article V, Section 1:
			1. Change first line to read: At the first meeting of the academic year - taking out the requirement that this be in July
		2. Article V, Section 2:
			1. Change sentence to read: The President shall strongly encourage at least 2 nominations for each office on the ballot - taking out this requirements
		3. Article VI, Section 8:
			1. Change sentence to read: the President of the Assembly will report at least once a year at the General Faculty meeting
	+ Discussion of Article IV, Section 1 dealing with the number of delegates to the Assembly was tabled
1. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:25

Minutes submitted by: Jason C Mussell