**LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 10, 2014

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the LSUHSC-SOM Faculty Assembly was called to order at 4:10PM in Room 7 of the Lions Building by Dr. Stacey Holman

**Present:** Ali, M; Campeau, L; Catling, A; Crabtree, J; De Silva, T; Delacroix, S; Engel, L; English, R; Farris, H; Greiffenstein, P; Harrison-Bernard, L; Hebert, C; Holman, S; Hunt, J; Kamboj, S; Levitzky, M; Mussell, J; Neumann, D; Polite, F; Welsh, D

**Absent:** Cestia, W; Happel, K; Kapusta, D; Lazartigues, E; Spieler, B; Quayle, A; Winsauer, P

**Proxies:** Hebert, C for Boulmay, B; LaCombe, J for Jagneaux, T; Mussell, J for McGoey, R

1. **Approval of the minutes from June meeting:** Dr. Kamboj moved to approve minutes for June and was seconded by Dr. Engel. Motion was approved unanimously
2. **Introduction of new members:** Dr. Holman introduced the newly elected delegates
3. **Reports:**
   * **Executive Council –** Met with Dean Nelson on 6.26.14
     + Budget
       1. Same as last year
       2. Hollier has said no raises, Dean Nelson is fighting this
          1. Dean Nelson believes the main campus is allowed to give raises due to retention of tuition increase funds
       3. Projected $1 billion state budget deficit
          1. Mid-year cut expected
     + Searches
       1. Orthopedics
          1. Reviewing candidates for 2nd visits
       2. Genetics
          1. Conducting interviews
       3. HemeOnc
          1. Reviewing letter of request from candidate
     + Primary Care Plus is opening down the street from Pennington Research Facility
       1. Associated with People’s Health
       2. LSU staffing Pulmonary and Endocrine
       3. LSU is paying a flat fee for the occupancy
          1. Enables LSU to build and control a patient stream rather just being a small part of a larger partner (Children’s, OLOL, Touro, etc.)
          2. Seeking more opportunities with People’s Health
     + Dean Nelson continues to press the administration for the development of a policy on the use of the text alert system
       1. Delegate Mussell reported on a conversation with Kevin Scott of the LSU-BR Police who stated that the Main Campus policy centers on life safety
          1. Text alerts are used only if it will increase the safety of the individuals, however, in instances where security has controlled the situation the alerts may not be used
       2. Delegate Neumann disputed this reporting of the usage and will report on this further
     + Dean Nelson is also pursuing the possibility of a bridge over Tulane Ave between LSUHSC, ILH, and the new Hospital
       1. Chancellor Hollier reported that this won’t be reexamined by the city until October
     + Discussion began over concerns with lax Campus Security
       1. Dr. Neumann raised concerns brought to her by another faculty member about thefts in the parking garage as well as Dr. Neumann’s own experience of theft from her office and the poor Security response
       2. Discussion was tabled to allow the issue to be raised with Dean Nelson
   * **Faculty Senate Report**
     + No report given, however, discussion occurred regarding the precise role of the Senate vs. the Assembly and the strength and value of the Senate at LSUHSC
4. **New Business:**
   * President’s Inaugural Address
     + Dr. Holman thanked Dr. Levitzky for his service and applauded his efforts to maintain a Faculty Assembly presence on Strategic Planning, Curriculum Renewal, Social Media, and negotiations with the new Hospital Partners
     + She referred delegates to the Faculty Assembly website for copies of the minutes, Bylaws, and current roster
       1. Encouraged delegates to bring these same to the attention of all faculty
     + Dr. Holman raised the question of whether 30 delegates is sufficient to represent the faculty adequately
   * Elections
     + Dr. Lee Engel was elected to President-elect of the LSUSOM-NO Faculty Assembly
       1. Discussion ensued focusing on the wisdom of two Clinical Science delegates serving as President consecutively, as opposed to following the tradition of alternating Clinical Science and Basic Science delegates
          1. Drs. Ali and Neumann stressed the need for the Assembly to be cognizant of the message this sends to the Dean of the School of Medicine by not having a Basic Science President for two years
          2. Numerous Basic Science delegates voiced concerns over the lack of mid- and senior-level Basic Science Faculty on the Assembly

Are we representing faculty body well with only 4 Basic Science delegates per year?

* + - * 1. Should alternating between Basic and Clinical Science Presidents be written into Bylaws?
    - Dr. Jay Mussell was re-elected to Secretary/Treasurer of the LSUSOM-NO Faculty Assembly
    - Drs. Zee Ali and Donna Neumann were elected to serve as the Faculty Assembly Representatives to the Administrative Council from Clinical Sciences and Basic Sciences, respectively
    - Drs. Scott Delacroix and Sanjay Kamboj were elected to 3 year terms as Faculty Assembly Representative to the LSUHSC-NO Faculty Senate from the Clinical Sciences
  + Contract with DHH to staff Shelters has been signed by Chancellor Hollier
    - Almost all clinical delegates were unaware of this contract
    - Dr. Engel will investigate and give a report at the next meeting
  + Drs. De Silva and Neumann expressed interest in generating on-going community service and outreach projects for the faculty within the New Orleans community
    - Dr. English acknowledged that an unfulfilled component of the Houses program (a longitudinal mentoring project at LSUHSC) is service and should also be included in these projects
  + Dr. Delacroix raised an issue with the email disclaimer signature line generated for staff with telemedicine privileges
    - Dr. Delacroix’s interactions with Mr. Mitch Perlin have been unsuccessful and he was referred to Ms. Bettina Owens
    - At issue is reference to specific hospitals (e.g. Lallie Kemp), faculty desire this specific reference removed

1. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Minutes submitted by: Jason C Mussell