

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
School of Allied Health Professions  
New Orleans, LA**

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE**

The faculty of the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO), within applicable laws and policies of the Dean of the SAHP, Chancellor of the LSUHSC-NO, the President of the LSU System, the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents of LSU, do hereby effect through this Constitution the Faculty Assembly of the LSUHSC-NO SAHP.

**ARTICLE I.**

**NAME**

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Faculty Assembly of the SAHP, LSUHSC-NO, hereinafter referred to as the **Assembly**.

**Section 2.** The term **Delegate** shall refer to the members of the **Assembly** elected as representatives in accordance with the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE II.**

**MISSION OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Section 1.** The mission of the **Assembly** is to promote communication between Faculty and Administration, providing a formal mechanism for input into the academic process.

**ARTICLE III.**

**PURPOSE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Section 1.** To provide a means of communication between the Faculty, Dean of the SAHP, Faculty Senate, Administration, Staff, and the Chancellor of LSUHSC-NO.  
A. The **Assembly**, subject to the powers vested in the Dean of the SAHP, shall:  
i. Consider and make recommendations concerning matters of general interest to faculty;  
ii. Review and approve all changes in existing policies or the establishment of new policies relating to matters of general SAHP interest when these policies are brought to the **Assembly** for consideration by its members, the Dean of the SAHP, the Senate, Chancellor of LSUHSC-NO, and the LSU system President;  
iii. Consider and make recommendations on any matters referred to it by its members, the Dean of SAHP, the Senate, and the Chancellor of LSUHSC-NO,

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B. **Delegates** shall serve as a representative voice of the **Assembly**. Any recognized group within the SAHP community shall possess the privilege of presenting suggestions to the **Delegates**.

**Section 2.** To accept and share responsibility with administration and students in all efforts to improve the stature and to accomplish the mission of the SAHP, LSUHSC-NO.

**Section 3.** To communicate with the SAHP departments and faculty, as well as the other schools and faculties within LSUHSC-NO

**Section 4.** To communicate with the faculty assemblies of other colleges and universities.

**Section 5.** To declare and support the principle of academic freedom for all faculty.

**Section 6.** To initiate and conduct activities that will foster the continuation and development of SAHP programs.

**ARTICLE IV.  
AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.** The **Assembly** may hear, consider, and advise the Dean of the SAHP LSUHSC-NO and the administration on matters of general concern to faculty. The **Assembly** may request the Dean of the SAHP to furnish appropriate information or documentation related to the specific matter of concern.

**ARTICLE V.  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY  
MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DELEGATES**

**Section 1.** **Eligibility.** Members of the Assembly include full-time and part-time faculty members (40% or greater), with academic rank of Instructor or above, from all SAHP departments and all SAHP administrators with faculty appointments.

**Section 2.** Faculty Assembly **Delegates** include members of the **Assembly** elected as representatives in accordance with the Bylaws.

**Section 3.** The term of office of a **Delegate** shall be three academic years, commencing at the first delegate meeting following their election. Delegates are eligible to serve no more than two consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE VI.  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY AND DELEGATE MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The **Assembly** shall meet a minimum of two times each academic year. These two meetings shall be called the SAHP Fall and Spring General Faculty Meetings. Meetings

94 of the **Assembly** are open to all faculty, including part-time and gratis faculty, and  
95 administrators without academic rank.

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97 **Section 2.** The **Delegates** shall meet in regular monthly sessions. Special meetings of the **Delegates**  
98 may be called as stipulated in the Bylaws. Meetings of the delegates are open to all  
99 faculty, including part-time and gratis faculty, and administrators without academic rank.

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101 **Section 3.** **Voting Privileges.** Only members of the **Assembly** are eligible to vote during general  
102 meetings of the **Assembly**, and only **Delegates** are eligible to vote during delegate  
103 meetings.

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105 **ARTICLE VII.**  
106 **OFFICERS**

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108 **Section 1.** Officers of the **Assembly** shall be **Delegates** and consist of the President, Vice-President,  
109 Secretary, and Past President. The officers of the **Assembly** will comprise the **Assembly**  
110 **Executive Board.**

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112 **Section 2.** The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected in accordance with the  
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115 **Section 3.** The officers shall fulfill their duties as stipulated in the Bylaws.

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117 **ARTICLE VIII.**  
118 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

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120 **Section 1.** The standing committees of the SAHP include, but are not limited to:

- 121 A. Academic Affairs
- 122 B. Alumni Affairs
- 123 C. Clinical Coordinators
- 124 D. Clinics
- 125 E. Community Engagement
- 126 F. Grants & Research
- 127 G. Honors
- 128 H. Professional Development
- 129 I. Student Affairs
- 130 J. Admissions
- 131 K. Recruitment

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133 **ARTICLE IX.**  
134 **AMENDMENTS**

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136 **Section 1.** The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the total votes cast by  
137 the membership of the **Assembly**. Voting shall be by electronic or written ballot, or some  
138 combination thereof. The decision on the type of ballot used shall be determined by the  
139 **Delegates** before being submitted to the Assembly for a vote.