

LSUHSC
School of Allied Health Professions
Faculty Assembly Delegates Meeting Minutes

1/23/2007

- 1. Faculty Assembly Delegates Present:** Larry Broussard, Sarintha Stricklin, George Hebert, Jo Thompson, Kevin Lord
 - 2. Review of December minutes:** Deferred until next meeting.
 - 3. Report of Faculty Senate Meeting: Larry**

Chancellor Hollier gave a candid report of the status of LSUHSC. Some of the things he mentioned included financial stability (very stable at this time), building updates (1542 Tulane major renovation required because of asbestos as well as Katrina damage), University Hospital update, LSU-VA Hospitals project (on track; land acquisition funding approved), Dental School return to New Orleans (some people may return as early as March), delay in School of Public Health returning to Canal Street building, and the need for a coordinated plan for all of the new construction projected to occur in the next 5-10 years. He noted that it's embarrassing to him as well as us to have no first floor access and has given instructions to open up access to at least 1 building. Faculty Senate decided to pursue request for a budget for the group to formalize some of the funding that has been provided through chancellor and vice-chancellor's offices.
 - 4. Committees:** Reports deferred until next meeting.
 - 5. Update: Dr. Cairo**

Dr. Cairo discussed the most recent faculty meeting then opened the floor for questions. Loss and recruitment of faculty was raised. Dr. Cairo assured the FA that pre-hurricane faculty-student ratios have been maintained. Efforts are underway to replace lost faculty. There continues to be issues around salaries and discussion of southern regional average versus national average. The PT clinic will be opening in February, initially for services for faculty, staff, and students. Accountability issues continue in the university and include audits for equipment and personnel time. Discussion and progress continues around the joint LSUHSC and VA hospital venture. One location being considered is the area near Galvez, Tulane, and Canal. Work continues on upgrades to the SAHP departments to create next generation classrooms. The goal is to have 1 model classroom per department. Efforts continue to move construction of the HDC building forward.
- 5/ New Business**

Dr. Cairo asked the Faculty Assembly to address the issue of interdisciplinary teaching. Discussion occurred around methods and strategies to accomplish this request. The FA agreed that a first goal would be to develop and list of interdisciplinary topics and resources across departments. Examples of topical areas were generated, including CDC, ethics, research design and statistics, and family systems. FA delegates agreed to go back to their respective departments to identify potential interdisciplinary topics and courses. The next FA meeting will be dedicated to a discussion of commonalities across departments.

7. **Date of next Meeting:** February 27th; lunch will be provided by Kevin.