

LSUHSC
School of Allied Health Professions
Faculty Assembly Delegates Meeting
Minutes
11/13/07

Present: Kevin Lord (president), George Hebert, Larry Broussard, Tina Gunaldo, Scott Rubin, Michelle Zitzmann, Michelle Willis, Theresa Nicholls, Kelly Alig, Erin Dugan, Jan Case, Jo Thompson (Secretary)

October minutes approved.

1. Faculty Senate News – Kevin provided input from the last Senate Mtg. Jo will send copy of those minutes to FAD members and will do so for future Senate minutes.

2. Old Business

- The interdisciplinary resource will be reviewed by OT. The list is located on U: drive.
- Tina gave update of the plaques honoring past presidents and past members of the FA. She and Larry will continue to come up with most appropriate and cost efficient way to produce the plaques. She has been given names of past members and is considering putting the names on one plaque from a specific time period (i.e. last five years). They will present more details next month.
- Allied Health Week had mixed responses. The posters and the display representing all the departments were very well received and gave valuable information on the many contributions each area has to offer. There was some disappointment from the Dean on the lack of attendance at the guest speaker on Wednesday afternoon. Several faculty expressed they felt unfairly reprimanded for not attending and coming down for the reception however, there was not enough notice given to change/reschedule/or cancel classes/ clinic times in order to attend. Kevin agreed to bring these concerns to the Dean at his next meeting with him. There were also concerns voiced concerning the cancellation of the counselor's visit scheduled for Friday. On the other hand, faculty expressed support to continue to have Allied Health Week recognized.

3. New Business

- The General Faculty Meeting has been postponed at the request of the Grants and Research as they are waiting to have results of the survey sent out last month.* a reminder for Kevin to make sure everyone complete and submit the questionnaire. A proposed date is January 8, 2008. The Dean would like to present a "State of the School" address as part of that meeting.
- Tina suggested having the Dean hold a similar meeting with students and address the "Vision of the School." Kevin will bring this to the Dean.
- The Excellence of Scholarship Award was discussed and Kevin will give updates to the Dean who has suggested a MVP award. FAD members feel strongly to have there be two separate awards.
- Kevin has meet with the Dean regarding the student clearance issue and its impact on student fieldwork/contracts. Administration and legal are still trying to resolve this issue. Kevin will be meeting with Dr. Moerschbaecher to discuss

possible solutions. There are students who are paying for background checks multiple times during a semester when they have to go on clinical rotations.

- The Family Day event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008. Kevin will be asking for individuals to help on various committees such as, entertainment, food, speaker, agenda and agenda. The event is being held in Lot T. All faculty, staff, students and family will be invited.
- The FAD discussed a recent event where a visitor/guest speaker had a weapon on campus. The individual with the sheriff department and has a permit for the weapon however, this brought attention to the need for protocol/policy on such issues and the need for more security awareness for those accessing the building. One thing suggested was to have a sign in the entrance stating :”No Weapons Allowed on these Premises” or something to this effect.
- Kelly announced she will be meeting with Dr. Lombardi on December 6th as a member of the Council of Faculty Advisors to address there report from the AAUP and its impact on faculty recruitment. She will provide report at next meeting.
- Tina announced the PT Dept. has been using lap tops and requiring students entering their program to have them. They are very pleased with the educational software being used and its multiple options.
- Tina Gunaldo, Kirk Nelson and John Zahmjohm are serving on a Health Sciences committee to use patient stimulation within their respective curriculum in order to foster interprofessional development.
- Kelly reported that the Executive Director (Don Thompson) of the Rebuild Center, housed at St. Joseph’s church has asked for feedback if there are any concerns or problems with the individual being serviced from their agency to please contact him. They want to be good neighbors and are requiring their guest to do the same. There had been reports of being asked for money from several of the individuals next from the center. Don’s number is 504-273-5547, ext. 135. His email address is: dthompson@harrytomponcenter.org.

4. Thanks to Kevin for lunch and Larry for tea! Next month’s meeting is pot luck since it’s the beginning of the holiday season.

5. Date of next meeting: Tuesday December 11, 2007 @ noon.