

LSU Health
NEW ORLEANS
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 9, 2026 - 3:30pm-5:00pm,
CSRB 563

Those present included: (Proxies*)

Allied Health: Emily Jones (proxy for Brandon Walker), Brittany Hall, Amber Weydert, Stephanie Eschete

Dentistry: Thomas Lallier, Meric Karapinar-Kazandag, Eugene Antenucci, A.C. Liles, Diedra Brewer-Hohensee

Graduate Studies: Sonia Gasparini, Andrew Catling

Medicine: Allison Augustus-Wallace, Jennifer Cameron, Brian Lochlann McGee, Maria Reinoso, Michelle Korah-Sedgwick, Jennifer Hart

Nursing: Collen Story (proxy for Jessica Teeter), Jolie Harris (proxy for Laura Bonanno)

Public Health: Mei-Chin Hsieh, Susanne Straif-Bourgeois, Tung-Sung Tseng, , William Robinson,

Library: Sharon Duffy

Ex-Officio: Rebecca Bealer, Michael Boutte

Absent with Proxy: Jessica Teater, Laura Bonanno, Brandon Walker

Not present: Suresh Alahari, Shelly Dolan, Quinn Lacey, Chih-yang Hu, Luther Gill, Laura Pelaez

VI. Welcome and Call to Order by President Cameron at 3:31 PM

II. Introduction of Special Guest(s) – None

Dr. Porche – Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs: (Written Report)

- I wanted to update you on the academic degree plans. Our CAO Council approved our new academic degree programs to move forward:
 - DrPH
 - PsyD
 - OTD
- The PhD program closures proposed were also endorsed for approval. Next steps, this will be presented to the President. Then it is routed for Board of Supervisors for approval, then Board of Regents.
- The following PMs have been revised/approved or are in the process of review and approval:
 - PM 26 – revision done and approved [pm-26.pdf](#)
 - PM 80 - revision done and approved [pm_80.pdf](#)
 - PM 69 - revision done and approved [pm-69.pdf](#)
 - PM 5 – holiday schedule, revisions completed to add in LSU – NO – pending legal counsel review/approval [pm-05.pdf](#)
 - PM 60 – contract approval process – revisions being routed to SVC for review

- and approval [pm-60.pdf](#)
 - PM 20 – Employee Leave – in the revision process [pm-20.pdf](#)
 - PM 23 – some further revisions being reviewed and in progress [pm-23.pdf](#)
- We have been asked to review the approved new PMs and share with our administrative teams.
- The SACSCOC approval of the prospectus is expected June 11. It is anticipated that this approval will provide guidance on the substantive change that is needed.
- No word on whether there will be a search for a permanent SVC for the LSUHSC-NO campus.
- New legal (Corine Blash) council started Monday, June 8
- The search for the new SVC for Pennington is underway, with 16 candidates, 3-4 will be interviewed
- Rachantis Gray has been named the Registrar for LSUHSC-NO
- The Faculty Handbook is ready to go, with revisions to section 10.7 concerning the new CM-75 policy on Research Misconduct.
- A request for a Department of Radiation Oncology will be sent to the BOS to fulfill a need for NCI designation.

Jane Behlen (Assistant Director, HRIS & Talent/Organizational Development) and **Bralin Artigues** (Associate Director of Human Resources)

- Presentation of the new Faculty Evaluation instrument using PageUp.
 - **Planned Rollout:**
 - **Sept 2026** – December 2026 – Faculty Self Evaluation for year 2026
 - **March 2027** – Supervisor meeting for Annual Evaluation of 2026 and Planning for 2027
 - Proposed separation of Core Values from Evaluation Calculation
 - Plan is to have separate scores that are combined
 - Faculty Activates changing from 3 to 5 Categories
 - Research, Teaching,
 - Clinical Service (*Community Service for SoPH*)
 - Admin Service, School Service (including External committees)
 - Faculty Activates will now total to 100% (*under discussion*)
 - Percentage of each category will be recorded in Initial Faculty Self-evaluation (March except 1st Year)
 - Supervisor will record actual percentage of effort and discuss any differences with the faculty member (throughout the year and at Annual Evaluation)
 - Changes in effort will be tracked
 - One 5-point scale score for each of the 5 areas (slider, whole numbers only)
 - Annual Evidence can be added to Comments Section
 - Evaluations will be submitted with PDF of Faculty CV (mandatory)
 - Other supplemental attachments can be added to each section.
 - Eg. Course Evaluations, PDFs of publications, ...
 - All Activities Scores will be Auto Calculated to a single combined score (weighted by % effort, and reported to 1 decimal place (Eg. 4.3/5.0)
 - Appeals via Handbook Section 10.10, no automatic 2nd review.

III. Public Commentary (2 minutes each) – None

IV. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved in motion by Drs. Gasparini and Lochlan McGee

V. President's Report (President Cameron)

- All information covered by Dr Porche in his report.

VI. Board of Supervisors Report (Senators Alahari and Dolan)

- Next meeting Thursday, June 26, 2026

VII. Reports from Assemblies

Staff Senate: (Boutte) –

- No Report

Allied Health:

- Thanks to Amber Weydert and Luther Gill for their service as Faculty Senators
- Position open and posted for Assistant/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
- Position open and posted Assistant/Associate Dean of Student Affairs
- Pending approval for new position: Assistant/Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs
- Pending approval for new position: Assistant/Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs
- Pending BOR approval for name change to school of Health Professions:

Dentistry:

- Construction is underway throughout the School.
- The basement classroom is coming along
- Still looks like a concrete basement flooded by Katrina

Graduate Studies:

- The SGS has 8 PhD and 5 MS students starting in August.
- There is a new draft of the Student Handbook that includes new grading/dismissal policies that differ for PhD and MS students, given the different duration of the program. The Handbook also includes a leave policy for vacation and sick time off; time off was left to the discretion of the lab mentor until now.
- The Qualifying exams with the new policies are scheduled for three students in June and July.
- Graduate Research Day will take place on November 12 & 13, 2026.
- An Advisor Open House will take place in Lions 130 on June 12th, 2026

Medicine:

Update on construction:

- Walkway to CALS will open end of July
- Approval to build 3rd floor CALS
- Seton building: making entrance better, nicer & more functional

- Enclosing walkway to Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC)
- Walkway to UMCNO: out of legal process, need to raise more money to build

LCMC contracts: Dr. DiCarlo shared an update on contract negotiations, planning to include benchmarks and thresholds for potential bonuses or reductions. Proposed models incorporate research, administrative, and educational efforts, with productivity incentives. The model is expected to roll out in the upcoming months, with refinements to follow.

Department Head Searches: the search committee met for the first time last week and is reviewing:

- 12 candidates for Microbiology, Genetics & Immunology (MGI)
- 22 candidates for Pharmacology, Biochemistry & Experimental Therapeutics (PBET)

Ongoing elections for SOM FA delegates

- New senators: Allyson Bennett, Sanjay Kamboj
- To serve second term: Allison Augustus-Wallace, Brian McGee, Maria Reinoso

Nursing:

- OCIS BR campus ribbon cutting in August (renovated space on the A&M campus)
- OCIS BR admitted 90 for fall (total enrollment 200)

Public Health:

- No Report

Library:

1. June Information Sessions:

- **Accessibility Remediation for Adobe PDF Documents**
 - Wednesday June 3 – 12 pm – Session [recorded](#)
 - **Level Up Your Literature Search: PubMed and Embase Essentials**
 - Wednesday June 17 – 12pm – Ische Library Room 405 or via [Zoom](#)
- All Library sessions are recorded and available on the [Library website](#).

2. LSUHSC Hurricane Katrina Archive

The Libraries are hosting a launch event for our LSUHSC Hurricane Katrina Archive.

This introduction will take place on Friday, June 12 from 10am to 2pm in the Moerschbaeher Library Commons. This archive contains bibliographies, facilities updates, oral histories, photographs, presentations, and reports.

Library staff that have worked on the archive will be in attendance to discuss the archive and answer questions. The displays, photos and posters will stay up after the event ends for the foreseeable future, so if you are unable to attend that day, please feel free to drop by to visit the exhibit.

The archive can be accessed online: [LSUHSC Hurricane Katrina Archive](#).

- ##### 3. New Library Service – ORCID iD Assistance:
- The Libraries are offering a new service to assist researchers with creating, managing, and updating their ORCID profiles. ORCID iDs are now required by NIH to be linked to SciENcv and Biosketch accounts. Your ORCID profile should contain your complete scholarly record and be linked to organizations to allow automatic updates. Fill out this [Form](#) to set up a meeting with a librarian. Visit our new [webpage](#) to learn more.

4. Update on Dental Library Closure: The Dental Library is temporarily closed due to renovations in the administration building. This closure is now expected to run until July 6. The dental collection is still accessible to library staff on a limited basis. The Dental Library staff can be contacted at dentlib@lsuhsc.edu if you need to request any materials.
5. Poster Printing Update ; Efforts are underway to purchase a new poster printer using unexpended funds before the end of the fiscal year. To get updates on the status of the poster printing service, follow the Library's email announcements. You can sign up [here](#).

VIII. Unfinished Business

- **Nominations for President Elect and Secretary**
 - Laura Banano (Nursing) – President Elect
 - Sharon Duffy (Library) – Secretary
 - Senate voted favorably to accept slate of officers for 2026-27

IX. New Business –

Actions by the LA Legislature

- **LA HB1063 by Rep. Charles Owen**
 - Considered 4/29/2026, no other Activity since March – No Change
- **LA SB234 – Medical School Grades (Honors, HP,P,F) – Passed House and Senate**
 - Sent to Governor
 - Becomes act No. 409 – Effective 5/23/2026
- **LA HB391 – Abolishing BoR – No Action since Mar 9, 2026 – No Change**

International Travel

- Motion to recommend to the SVC that the International committee be moved from the SoM and placed under the VCAA, and that the committee be restructured to include members from the other schools of the HSC.

XI. Adjourn at 4:21