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, LSUHSCNO, 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 academic processes.

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 the SAHP, the Senate, and the Chancellor of LSUHSCNO, and the LSU system President

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.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII.
OFFICERS

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

Section 2. The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 3. The officers shall fulfill their duties as stipulated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII.
SCHOOL COMMITTEES

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

A. Academic Affairs
B. Alumni Affairs
C. Clinical Coordinators
    1. Clinics (subcommittee)
D. Community Engagement
E. Grants/Research
F. Honors
G. Professional Development
    1. Promotion & Tenure (subcommittee)
H. Student Affairs
    1. Recruitment (subcommittee)

ARTICLE IX.
AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the total votes cast by the membership of the **Assembly**. Voting shall be by electronic or written ballot, or some combination thereof. The decision on the type of ballot used shall be determined by the **Delegates**. Confidentiality will be maintained where deemed appropriate. The amendment must be submitted in writing for discussion at a regular meeting of the **Delegates** and approved by the **Delegates** before being submitted to the Assembly for a vote.