

HIGHLIGHTS- FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2008

- **From Dean Thienhaus:** Budget targets are changing. SOM is planning for a worst case scenario to cut costs without impacting staff or faculty at this point. All efforts to reduce cost, improve efficiencies, increase revenue are welcome. Dean Thienhaus would be pleased to hear any and all ideas via e-mail. Please be sure and sign your suggestions so that further information can be obtained.
- **From Jean Regan, CFO:** Practice plans are still running in the deficit but at a much lower amount than predicted. The northern plan was in the black for October.
- **Evaluations:** Basic Scientists will need to use Digital measures for their annual evaluations this year. The clinical faculty are to use the SOM annual evaluation at this point. Efforts at Annual Evaluation revisions will target a common data set for both annual evaluation and data needed for promotion and/or tenure.
- **Division of Health Sciences Assembly** will be held on January 14th in the morning. Topics for discussion are being sought. Please respond with any suggestions to Melissa Piasecki.
- **New BSMD track** is currently enrolled at UNR. This 7 year program recruits students into a combined BS/MD degree program guaranteeing admission into SOM. Next year UNLV will start 6 into a pilot program for this accelerated course.
- **The LCME committees** are meeting regularly to create the self study reports needed for next fall's LCME accreditation visit.