

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 6, 2009

Office of Medical Education update was given by Dr. Jennifer Kimmel. The current curriculum structure is with the 'Year 1-2' Committee looking at the first half, and the 'Year 3-4' Committee looking at the second half of the medical education curriculum; the Steering Committee provides broad overviews of the whole program and beyond and serves as an oversight committee for all curriculum.

Preliminary findings came out of the LCME self-study that although the overall curriculum is strong and our students do well on the boards, actually exceeding the 'national pass rate' on the board, there are a few places that we can improve upon, all of which have to do with process.

SPACE: Dr. Lupan reported that the construction of the new research building will come on line in the fall of 2010. The problem is we had to downsize from 135,000 square feet to 104,000s.f. The move of Microbiology and Pharmacology, plus room for growth, can't be accommodated; we only gain 2,000 s.f. (less than 2% total growth) -- all due to downsizing of the original plan.

End result, the new building is not big enough to accommodate the three departments that helped design it. When asked about later expansion, it was noted the building was designed so it cannot be added on to.

UNSOM Financial Update was given by Jean Regan. The Practice Plan ended eight months (through February '09) with net income 70% better as compared to last year at this time. YTD, as of the last eight months, the practice plan is only losing \$612,000 in comparison to over \$2 million this time last year.

There are no plans in place yet as to cuts in the budget. However, we have been asked by the university to make plans for a 20% reduction which amounts to \$6.6 million. Regarding stimulus money, because stimulus funding is a one-time addition, we need to identify the best way we can really make a difference with one-time funding, i.e., electronic medical records, etc.

UNSOM By-laws: A motion was made and approved that "Dr. Larson make final minor changes to the UNSOM by-laws, submit to the Faculty for final approval this month and then forward to the HSD and Dr. McDonald for approval".

Committee Elections: Notifications have been made to the nominees and to the committees. The P&T Committee, however, is lacking faculty representation. Dr. Lazerson will send email to chairs re: this problem.

Emerging Faculty Issues:

Conflict of Interest: The Committee has developed a COI policy as well as a COI disclosure form that works with this policy, not just for faculty, but also residents, staff and med students.

Faculty Development: April 7: Promotion & Tenure workshop in Reno with pictel to LV
April 9: "50 Ways to Leave Your Lecture" by Dr. Trudy Larson in Reno with pictel to Las Vegas

May 19: New Faculty Orientation, Las Vegas with pictel to Reno

Women in Medicine: Next meeting scheduled for April 27, Brown Bag, 12n-1:30pm

New Business:

Committee Member Absenteeism - A reminder was issued to all committee members that if you're unable to attend a meeting, you need to arrange for a stand-in.