

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 4, 2009

UNSOM Financial Update: Practice Plan had another good month and overall, it looks like the entire practice will break even or possibly exceed by the end of the fiscal year.

UNSOM By-laws: Dr. Larson reported that of the 31 votes cast, all were in favor of approving the by-laws as updated on 4/21/09. The motion to approve these by-laws carried unanimously.

Dean's Update Re the budget, Dr. Thienhaus said we should know something next week; UNSOM has made plans for the worst case scenario, which he hopes not to activate.

Dr. Barsky has accepted the position of Chairman of Pathology to begin between 6/1 and 9/1.

A master planning effort is under way in Las Vegas to determine full utilization of campus on Shadow Lane. An architectural firm has been engaged to work with UNR, UNLV and the two colleges there making it the nucleus of the Health Sciences campus in southern Nevada.

Blain Claypool has given notice and there is a search starting this week.

Dr. Jennifer Kimmel has announced that after the LCME visit, she will step down as Associate Dean for Medical Education and assume the position as Residency Training Director in Internal Medicine in Reno.

Search for a new Dean of UNSOM will begin in July/August and the position will start as of July 1, 2010. Dr. Thienhaus said he may put in his name as a candidate.

Committee Elections:

UNSOM Promotion & Tenure: We don't have enough candidates for the P&T Committee. It was suggested that we specifically send the chairs that have eligible faculty, a request to nominate one or two of them.

Dr. Nasiak asked that since faculty have to make time out of their schedule to serve on these committees, what can we give them in return or what support can be offered through their chair. Dr. Larson noted that Chairs are supposed to release their faculty members for committee work as it is part of their service requirement. Dr. Lupan interjected to beware of setting a precedent.

Strategic Planning Committee: UNSOM's newly elected representative to this new committee, Dr. Melissa Piasecki, reported that the strategic plan is basically UNR's Strategic Plan, and the SOM is a very small part of this plan and is folded into the Division of Health Sciences. Dr. Piasecki believes the SOM strengths and opportunities are not made visible; however it does mention increasing class sizes in the SOM and Orvis SON.

University P&T Committee It is essential we have representation on this committee, as they have veto power over the SOM P&T Committee. Due to low response, a list of tenured, eligible people will be sent to all faculty to help with nominations.

Emerging Faculty Issues:

Conflict of Interest: Will be meeting on May.

Faculty Development:

May 18 WIM meeting solely to discuss December speaker event; June 15th next Brown Bag.

May 19 Dr. Piasecki will be in Las Vegas to consult with faculty re their Promotion &/or Tenure in addition to conducting a New Faculty Orientation workshop.

May 29th in Las Vegas and June 12th in Reno, Amy Ellwood will be conducting CV workshops.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dr. Lupan had learned of the 200 awards from stimulus money in the first 16 areas of interest, there were 11,000 grants that hit the Feds on the 23rd and another 5,000 are in the queue. They have more requests than expected, and they have no idea where they will come up with the number of reviewers they need for this.