

# FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## JUNE 1, 2009

**UNSOM Financial Update:** Jean Regan brought good news...the Practice Plan, after ten months, April 2009, is only at a \$123,716 loss. For the month of April they had a surplus of \$81,000. At the Assembly, Dean Thienhaus said we would be moving to one practice plan instead of the current three we've been using.

On the state-side of the house, the budget was done based on a 20% reduction; however, we ended up reducing by 17% which put us in a hole. When Legislature came back, system wide, at 12.5%, it was not an equal distribution as some schools took more while others took less. The statewide programs (which includes UNSOM) had a 14.46% decrease from FY '09.

Ms. Regan thanks everyone who participated; it was hard and everyone really "stepped up". Dr. Lazerson thanked Ms. Regan for her diligence.

**Upcoming Contracts** were addressed by Ms. McAlpine. Since we're using web-based budgets this year, each department needs to enter their budget info into the budget program. This information is then uploaded into the HRS program (database) which generates Payroll Action Forms (PAFs) and sends to departments for review; once signed off by the Chair, contracts are issued.

Re exit interviews, Ms. McAlpine explained that when someone leaves, they complete a form in which they are asked if they're interested in a face-to-face interview.

**LCME Update** The visit is scheduled for Oct 18-22, 2009. They are close to having documents completed, the database is complete and Version 5 of the Summary Report is in. Dr. Kimmel asked chairs to invite her to their departmental meetings where she can meet faculty face-to-face so they can ask more detailed questions.

Dr. Kimmel highlighted the strengths:

- A good institutional relationship between the medical school and the university
- There's a lot of support for the Dean from the president of UNR.
- The Center for Molecular Medicine is opening in 2010
- Educational objectives are widely distributed and courses are aligned with those
- Medical students are successfully prepared to pursue any career they want and we do a good job in preparing compassionate, competent physicians
- There is early introduction to critical thinking and materials thinking skills are emphasized.
- The Office of Faculty Affairs & Development is one of the most exciting things to happen to the school since the last visit and that office really offers a lot. Dr. Kimmel doesn't think people are taking advantage of it as they should, but there is a lot going on there.
- The simulation center under construction in Las Vegas is the first real teaching space we've had there and is a start towards better facilities for students, residents and faculty.

**UNSOM By-laws** are *finally* been approved at all levels and are posted on the Faculty Affairs & Development website, under "Resources for" – "Faculty Affairs".

**UNSOM Promotion & Tenure Committee:** We still need one basic scientist and one at-large-faculty. Nominees must be at the Associate Professor level or higher, with .50 FTE for a minimum of five years.

**Conflict of Interest – Disclosure Statement:** Dr. Craviso asked Council if they had any corrections or additions for the *Disclosure Statement* and if so to send these to Dr. Piasecki in an email. Dr. Craviso also advised that it is not yet known who will manage, monitor and/or enforce this.