

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 3, 2009

Dean's Updates:

ICS Board agreed to distribute the minutes, after approval, to the faculty council. This will assist in keeping faculty updated on practice plan decisions.

Practice Plan Consolidation: There will be a Task Force led by a facilitator to consider the consolidation of the practice plans into one plan. They will explore the best way to consolidate while acknowledging the need to have some differences north and south (primarily the need for different billing IDs).

EHR pilot project with Renown will be moving forward. They use the EPIC program. The legal issues for using the EPIC program and sharing with Renown have been addressed. In order to qualify for stimulus money for EHR, this project needs to get going in order to report experiences as part of the application. This will be part of the conversation with UMC and the Dean.

Dean Search: Is not yet open, but is planned

Community Awareness of UNSOM in LV: In an effort to increase community awareness, the Dean and others will be routinely attending the Clark County Commissioners meeting (they are the governing board for UMC).

Faculty Council Representation: Discussed the need and desire for administrative faculty representation on the faculty council. Currently many of the Dean's staff attends in an ex-officio role, but that does not address the issue of representation and votes.

Issue of Service Amongst Faculty: Discussed the issue of service as an important and basic responsibility for medical school faculty. Many committees and ad hoc groups need faculty input and faculty need the service to be reported and appreciated as part of promotion and merit. The bylaws may need to be revised to reflect the importance of service (already in the CODE). To support this, it was discussed that a fund may need to be set up to buy out faculty time so they can serve. This would not constitute additional salary, just a substitution for part of research or clinical revenue.

By-law Revisions to be Considered: It was decided that the bylaws committee needs to be convened to consider revisions needed for the service issue, committees, to review the SOM bylaws vs. the Division bylaws, readdress the issue of chair's tenure and evaluation (per faculty senate request). We need volunteers for this committee. The faculty council chair will be responsible for sending out a request for volunteers.

SOM Parking: Dr. Lupan reported that the SOM parking lot will open back up soon. The new building is progressing rapidly and should be done by June, 2010.

Next Meeting will be on Sept 14th due to the Sept 7th Labor Day holiday.