

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: 8/3/09

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Trudy Larson (Chair), Jack Lazerson (Vice-Chair), Amy Ellwood, Christine Cremo, Gerald Ackerman, Dennis Uken, Gale Craviso, Peggy Dupey, David Antonuccio, Alison Netski, Michael Nasiak

MEMBERS ABSENT (#)-indicates consecutive meetings missed: Brian Perrino(20), Greg Pari(16), Kenneth McIntyre(15), Sam Parks(11), Nidhi Mehta(3), Marsha Kirgan, David Fiore, Terry Henner,

EX-OFFICIO ATTENDING: Dean Thienhaus, Mimi Bar-on, Dave Lupan

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trudy Larson

Minutes from the July 6th Faculty Council meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Dean's Updates: Dean Thienhaus reported that:

ICS Board agreed to distribute the minutes, after approval, to the faculty council. The Faculty Council is then free to distribute to the faculty and we may consider doing that either through the list serve or by posting them on the faculty council web site. 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. The Task Force will consist of Dean Ole Thienhaus, Jean Regan, Tom Ray and the three practice plan presidents. 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. The ICS and IT are on board with the project. UMC is currently evaluating EHR programs. The concern is that the north and south have the same program so that we can move forward with consolidation and joint research (with the right data base). This will be part of the conversation with UMC and the Dean.

Dean Search: Discussed that a search for a new Dean 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). This is one of the steps forward in creating an integrated, academic medical center with community and academic partners.

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. At present two offices have voting members, the ASA and the CHESO. There is a section in the bylaws to allow for addition of programs and appointment of faculty to be representatives on faculty council. This will be discussed with the relevant section of the bylaws reviewed at the next meeting.

Non-traditional faculty at UNR: Barb Scott could not attend the meeting to discuss the issue of non-traditional faculty at UNR and SOM. The decision was to send out the exec report to the council for further discussion at the next meeting.

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.

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By-law Revisions to be Considered: It was decided that a 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; Faculty Council chair will be responsible for sending out a request for volunteers.

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

Student Orientation: Dr. Dupey reminded the group that Student Orientation was rapidly approaching and that the White Coat ceremony would be August 14th in the early evening.

Next Meeting: Will be on Sept 14th because of the Sept 7th Labor Day holiday.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned.

Notes prepared by Trudy Larson and submitted by Carol Mitchell