

HIGHLIGHTS - FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2008

Division of Health Sciences and potential SOM impact was reported on by Dean Thienhaus. He stated that the Division of Health Sciences is a health-related school in the University of Nevada Reno incorporating many schools and colleges into one division, being led by its Executive V.P., Dr. John McDonald.

Q: Questions were asked: Will there be any consolidation of administrative positions? **A:** we are not aware of any and there will not be as far as I know.

Q: If there is consolidation of practice sites (joint clinics) is there a potential for faculty nurse practitioners to start billing? **A:** It is being looked at.

Q: Should looking at the resources of UNSoM and talk of sharing cause problems? **A:** Those who have most are least willing; however, collaborative work and opportunities will be explored in all areas.

Q: Is there a "point person" at the Health Sciences level that can answer inquiries about other units and contacts? **A:** Point person(s) are Dr. McDonald or Jessica Younger.

SOM Financial Report and Update: Jean Regan felt there was not a true representation of the Practice Plan – ICS Board as reported in the July 7th Faculty Council minutes, and asked that a memo she submitted, be used as a correction to those minutes which has been done.

New Freshman Class and Recruitment: Peggy Dupey was congratulated on becoming the interim Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs. She reported that the class of 2012 is 62 in number, and classes will be remaining at 62 until the education building is completed.

Executive Faculty: Gale Craviso reported there are now apparently issues about how departments put together their PAF's; there will be some training for Chairs and administrators on how to do them. A search for a Pathology Chair will be starting.

Chair Evaluation Survey: Has been emailed. Many chairs really want to have this input. Respondents' information is totally anonymous.

Faculty Development: Dr. John Pelley from Texas Tech University School of Medicine will be here to present to faculty at 2 and 5 pm on September 18th re Clinical problem-solving.

Women in Medicine: Next meeting date is still tentative.

Digital Measures: Gale Craviso reported that Duncan has come out with something for the clinicians and he will be meeting with Jannet Vreeland on this.

Health Sciences Division Building: Dr. Lupan brought in a brochure depicting the new Division building to be located due east of the Pennington Annex. He advised that in 2007 \$55 million had been allocated for the building, in large part so the medical school could grow its class size from 50 to 100; the dollar allocation has now been pared down to \$2 million to be used for planning purposes.

By-Laws: Still in Faculty Senate hands; if there are any major revisions, a committee will be needed to put it together and then they will need to go back to the Faculty Senate for review.

New Business: The issue of professionalism in medical education was brought up regarding problems with students knowing what is OK and what is not. It was also noted, emphatically, that we need to include both faculty and students in practicing professionalism in the classroom now!