

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

April 20, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting

[In these minutes: Request to Meet with AHC External Review Committee, April 19 Third Thursday, Agenda Items for May 2 Meeting with Dr. Friedman, Alternates v Double Committee Size]

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Present: Colin Campbell, (chair), Susan Berry, Natalia Tretyakova for Cynthia Gross, Ned Patterson, Cheryl Robertson

Regrets: Leslie Lytle, Paul Olin

Others attending: Vernon Weckwerth

I). Professor Campbell called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

II). As follow-up from the April 4 meeting with Dr. Friedman, members agreed that they would send a letter to President Kaler requesting that the AHC FCC meet with the AHC External Review Committee.

III). Members went on to debrief from last night's Third Thursday. While the turn out was good, stated Professor Campbell, he thought that the attendance would have been higher. An issue that remains unsolved is how to draw younger and/or new colleagues to Third Thursdays given that the goal is for faculty to meet faculty they haven't met before and to make new connections. He requested Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, query the attendance lists to identify the people who attend on a regular basis and those who are just occasional attendees.

Members went on to talk about reasons faculty have for not attending, e.g., too busy, obligations after work, and location, particularly for AHC faculty on the St. Paul campus. Professor Campbell suggested possibly exploring having the hosting college pick the venue and maybe even the time, which might be a way to draw in new faculty. He requested Ms. Dempsey send an email out to all committee members to solicit their opinions.

The committee agreed that they did not want to stop hosting Third Thursdays until a new replacement venue had been conceived. Oftentimes when things go away, they are typically never replaced.

In response to a question about Dr. Blazar's presentation at last night's Third Thursday, Professor Berry stated that in her opinion he gave a really good, brief and to the point presentation on the clinical and translational science research being conducted at the University of Minnesota and the CTSI. She added that there were a number of good questions from those in attendance and that there was a continuing conversation even after he finished.

Professor Robertson stated that the idea of 30 – 35 faculty coming together seems quite good. Third Thursdays seems like an important venue to continue even if the attendance isn't huge. Professor Campbell stated that he agrees with Professor Robertson and it is not the number of people who attend, but that the number is somewhat stagnant.

Professor Berry stated that it will be important for the AHC FCC to continue to evolve the Third Thursday concept and improve upon the utility of the financial resources that are being devoted to it. Continually evolving strategies for attracting faculty to attend Third Thursdays will be an important job for the committee. She added that she likes the new formatting of the email announcements.

Professor Campbell stated that at the suggestion of Ms. Dempsey, he sent a personal email to Dr. Friedman inviting him to attend. He suggested that the committee may want to think about sending out personal invitations to various senior administrators. Professor Patterson stated that in addition to inviting senior administrators that more junior faculty should be invited. Professor Campbell agreed that once the regular attendees have been identified that they should be encouraged to bring a junior faculty member with them.

IV). Members unanimously approved the March 23 AHC FCC minutes and the April 4 meeting notes.

V). Professor Campbell asked members for their suggestions for agenda items for the May 2 meeting with Dr. Friedman. The following agenda items were identified:

- Request for Third Thursday funding for the 2012 – 2013 academic year.
- Dean review process and ideas for how it can be made more transparent - http://www.policy.umn.edu/Policies/hr/Performance/PAPERFORMANCE_PRO C02.html
- Write editorial(s) for biomedical funding and research support – NIH and NSF valuable.
- AHC's relationship with the Provost's Office.
- Alcohol in TCF Bank Stadium and proximity to Biomedical Discovery District.

VI). Moving on, the committee went off the record to discuss personnel matters.

VII). Regarding member attendance at meetings, Professor Campbell asked those present their preference about whether the committee should explore having alternates if members are unable to attend an AHC FCC meeting or whether members would rather look into doubling the size of the committee. In Professor Campbell's opinion, the

current size allows the committee to function well and also finding additional representatives might be challenging.

After a brief discussion members agreed that they liked the alternate suggestion and having the alternate be a previous AHC FCC member so that person will have familiarity with the topics being discussed. Ms. Dempsey stated that she could contact the AHC collegiate chairs and ask their governance bodies to appoint an alternate, or, if the committee preferred it could bring it up at the May 11 AHC FCC/Collegiate Chairs Luncheon. Members preferred to do both.

Professor Patterson stated that at the luncheon he would like to hear from the various schools how departmental promotions are handled, and, in particular, the role of clinical faculty in P&T decisions.

VIII). Hearing no further business, Professor Campbell adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate