

## AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

March 23, 2012

### Minutes of the Meeting

[In these minutes: April 20, 2012 AHC FCC Meeting in Duluth, Forum Update, AHC External Review, School of Public Health Retreat Update, Global Health, Debrief from March 7 Meeting, Agenda Items for April 4 Meeting with Dr. Friedman, Alternates, Welcome to Natalia Tretyakova]

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Present: Colin Campbell, (chair), Cynthia Gross, Leslie Lytle, Paul Olin, Ned Patterson, Cheryl Robertson

Regrets: Susan Berry, Lester Drewes

Others attending: Vernon Weckwerth, Natalia Tretyakova

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

II). The first item of business, noted Professor Campbell, is to talk about transportation options for the April 20 AHC FCC meeting that will be held in Duluth. After a brief discussion, Professor Campbell asked Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, to email members who will be traveling to Duluth to find out if they would prefer to take the Jefferson Line bus or to rent a University van. Whichever option the majority prefers will be the one used.

III). Moving on to the next agenda item, the spring forum, Professor Gross stated that she is fine with having the forum moved to the fall. Ms. Dempsey noted that the Provost's Office preferred to hold off on scheduling Provost Hanson until she has been in her position a little longer and until the AHC external review has been completed. Professor Lytle noted that she believes Provost Hanson recently participated in a CLA forum. Members requested Ms. Dempsey find out more information about the CLA forum from Professor Naomi Scheman, and report back on what this forum entailed.

Professor Campbell reminded members that Provost Hanson has been scheduled for a meet and greet with the committee on May 18 from 10:00 – 10:30.

IV). Professor Campbell called on Ms. Dempsey to update the committee about the status of the AHC external review. Ms. Dempsey reported that she spoke with Emily Lawrence, associate to the deputy chief of staff, in the President's Office earlier this week and learned that the external review committee is close to being seated. An

announcement about the AHC external review should be coming out in the next few weeks or so with more information.

V). Professor Lytle reported on the School of Public Health's (SPH) January retreat that focused on doctoral education. In Professor Lytle's opinion, the retreat was a success. Issues that were discussed included doctoral training, recruitment, placement, etc. She noted that the SPH plans to follow-up on these areas in an effort to study and understand their doctoral programs more thoroughly.

Another issue for the SPH is to get a better grasp on its global health work. Many SPH faculty do not know if there is a real plan per se for global health, who is doing what, and how best to involve students and faculty. Dean Finnegan has encouraged the faculty to work on this. Professor Lytle suggested that beyond talking about global health within the SPH that the SPH is interested in consulting with the other AHC schools to hear and learn about what they are doing.

An informal discussion ensued about global health work in the various AHC schools. Professor Campbell suggested that this may be a topic the AHC FCC pursues going forward based on the interest expressed today by members.

VI). The committee then spent a few minutes debriefing from the March 7 meeting with Dr. Friedman. Members agreed to see what develops in this arena.

VII). Professor Campbell asked members for agenda item ideas for the next meeting with Dr. Friedman, and the following ideas were mentioned:

- School of Nursing – Dean Connie Delaney.
- AHC External Review update.
- AHC salary equity study. Professor Campbell reported that the AHC FCC's request for an AHC salary equity study is moving forward, and, to the best of his knowledge, is on Provost Hanson's desk.
- Global health work within the AHC.

VIII). As follow-up from last month's meeting, Professor Campbell once again proposed the committee pursue the idea of having alternates for members. He explained that on a fair number of occasions the committee gets stuck on issues because, for example, a member raises an issue, but then is unable to attend the next meeting where it would typically be discussed in more depth. While proxies are not allowed on committees because committee service is considered personal, the suggestion was made to have the collegiate governance bodies elect alternates who can fill in if an AHC FCC member is unable to attend a particular meeting. Professor Campbell also mentioned for continuity reasons having the members who are rotating off the committee be that school's alternate. At the end of this discussion, members unanimously voted to add alternates to the AHC FCC.

IX). Next, the committee went off the record to discuss the situation that has arisen in the School of Nursing and the recent Star Tribune article - <http://www.startribune.com/local/143064536.html>.

X). Professor Gross welcomed Professor Natalia Tretyakova who will be attending AHC FCC meetings while Professor Gross is on semester break. Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

XI). Ms. Dempsey reported that an agenda item for next week's Senate staff meeting is to talk about the AHC Finance & Planning seat on the Senate Committee for Finance & Planning. She will report back on the outcome of this discussion.

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

Renee Dempsey  
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