

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

November 8, 2013
Minutes of the Meeting

[In these minutes: Third Thursdays, Agenda Items for December 3 Meeting with Dr. Friedman, Other Actionable Items, Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching Update]

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Present: Ned Patterson, (chair), Paul Bohjanen, Kathleen Krichbaum, Natalia Tretyakova for Wendy St. Peter

Absent: John Connett, Robert Kratzke

Regrets: Les Drewes, Sandra Myers, Wendy St. Peter

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

II). Professor Patterson reported that Dr. Friedman has not yet responded to the committee's request for increased funding for this year's Third Thursday gatherings. With that said, depending on the outcome of this request, the AHC FCC may need to think about reducing the number of Third Thursday gatherings for the 2013 – 2014 academic year in order to stay in budget, e.g., only hold two spring Third Thursdays rather than four. Professor Krichbaum stated that the problem with the bar/lounge space is the noise level, which makes it very hard to hear presenters so she would really like to see if a different space can be secured even if this means having to pay for it.

Professor Patterson reminded members that Vice President Brian Herman is scheduled to present on MnDRIVE at the November 21 Third Thursday event. He asked Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, about whether Conference Rooms A, B and C in the Campus Club are still available. Ms. Dempsey stated that she would check and report back.

Regarding attendance, Professor Patterson asked Ms. Dempsey approximately how many people attended the October event. Ms. Dempsey reported that about 30 – 35 people attended. Professor Krichbaum noted that when she received last month's Third Thursday announcement, she forwarded it out to faculty in the School of Nursing along with a message encouraging them to attend. She stated that this personal touch seemed to have worked because the School of Nursing attendance was pretty good. Professor Patterson liked this idea and encouraged all members to do the same as a way to boost attendance, particularly if they will be in a larger space.

In terms of the spring Third Thursday schedule, Professor Patterson suggested inviting the new vice president/dean to the April reception. Ms. Dempsey noted that Professor

Drewes requested that the April date be reserved for the Duluth faculty presentation(s). Professor Patterson asked Ms. Dempsey to try to schedule the vice president/dean for February or March.

Professor Patterson solicited a volunteer to introduce Vice President Herman at the November 21 Third Thursday because he may or may not be able to attend. Professor Bohjanen volunteered to convene the event and introduce Vice President Herman. Professor Patterson thanked Professor Bohjanen for volunteering to do this.

III). Next, the committee discussed agenda items for the December 3 meeting with Dr. Friedman. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following agenda items had been identified:

- Status update on the AHC schools' constitutions and bylaws.
- Lapses in NIH funding and possible AHC bridge funding.
- Compact process for AHC under the new reporting structure.

Members also agreed that because this will be their last meeting with Dr. Friedman before he steps down that they would like to do something special for him. A few ideas were tossed around and members felt it important to thank Dr. Friedman for his service.

Other actionable items coming out of the discussion included:

- Invite Provost Hanson to discuss the AHC constitutions/bylaws, promotion and tenure, and the status of the AHC 7.12 statements. (Professor Patterson asked Ms. Dempsey to get a copy of the ad hoc Committee on College Constitutions Report and Recommendations, which has been sent to Provost Hanson, and distribute it to AHC FCC members).
- Review the AHC FCC charge given the structural reporting changes that have taken place between the AHC schools and the Provost's Office. The AHC FCC needs to decipher its purpose/role given the reporting changes, making sure to take into consideration the role of the vice president for health sciences and the role of the provost.
- Request a meeting between the AHC FCC and the University FCC.
- Discuss lapses in NIH funding and possible bridge funding from the AHC with the new vice president/dean.
- Consider holding a mid-year retreat for the committee to grapple with the role of the AHC FCC given the change in reporting structure, etc. What is the role of the vice president/dean versus the role of the provost?
- Discuss/explore whether the AHC FCC should play some role in overseeing first-professional degree programs (a degree that signifies both completion of academic requirements for beginning practice in a given profession and a level of professional skill beyond that normally required for a bachelor's degree. Such degrees usually require at least 2 academic years of work prior to entrance, and an additional 4 years of work to complete the professional curriculum. These include the M.D., J.D., Pharm D., D.V.M., D.D.S, L.L.M.). A possible recommendation coming out of the Special Committee for Graduate Education, stated Professor Patterson, is to take the current Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP)

and make it two committees, one dealing with undergraduate education and the other a graduate education committee. He added that in his opinion there is a significant difference between graduate students earning a Ph.D. and professional students, and, as a result, the AHC FCC should have some role as it relates to first-professional degree programs in conjunction with the Provost's Office. The AHC FCC could possibly have a role overseeing policies affecting all health science professional students. For example, stated Professor Patterson, he recently learned that the University has no maternity leave policy for professional students.

IV). Before adjourning, Professor Patterson briefly reported that interdisciplinary research and teaching is still a big topic for the University FCC. Professor Krichbaum suggested that the AHC FCC extend Associate Vice President Brandt an invitation to meet with the committee given she heads up the new National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. Professor Patterson added that the committee could also bring to her attention the issue of the University not having a maternity leave policy for professional students. He added this might also be an issue for the AHC Student Consultative Committee (SCC).

V). Hearing no further business, Professor Patterson adjourned the meeting.

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