

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

May 15, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting

[In these minutes: Human Subjects Protection Town Hall and the Implementation Team's Report, 2015 – 2016 AHC FCC Meeting Schedule and Visit to Duluth, 2015 – 2016 Agenda Topics, Consider AHC FCC Chair-Elect or Vice Chair]

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Present: Kathleen Krichbaum, (chair), Paul Bohjanen, John Connett, Les Drewes, Ned Patterson, Wendy St. Peter

Regrets: Robert Kratzke, Sandra Myers

Professor Krichbaum called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

1. Debrief from May 4, 2015 Human Subjects Protection Town Hall and discussion of the Implementation Team's report – The first item of business, noted Professor Krichbaum, is to debrief from the May 4 Human Subjects Protection Town Hall. Professor St. Peter commented that this was one of the most interesting meetings she has attended since being at the University. Professor Drewes reported that while Duluth had audio, it did not have video. Professor Krichbaum added that the microphones on the floor, unfortunately, also did not work, despite the fact they were tested prior to the start of the meeting. After some discussion, members who attended agreed that there were a number of things that could have been done better from the administrative side.

Members then talked about the Implementation Team's report and the specific recommendation "that an investigator may not receive any personal compensation from a company during the time that investigator participates in any new research student funded by that industry sponsor." Professor Bohjanen said this has the possibility of being problematic because often faculty need protected time to do their research, and the way they get this time is salary support. With that said, if faculty are doing research that does not provide salary support, where will the support come from? Professor Bohjanen said he suggested to the Medical School Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) that they review the report and comment during the open comment period, and suggested the AHC FCC consider doing the same. Members agreed that this was a good idea. Professor St. Peter said she liked the idea, but said the timing of the report, which comes at the end of the academic year, is problematic when it comes to getting input from colleagues. Professor Krichbaum encouraged members to review the report, talk with their colleagues to get their feedback and send her and Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, written comments so that they can be used to formulate a response from the AHC FCC during the open comment period. Professor Connett also suggested the AHC FCC set up a special meeting to talk

with Dr. Jackson about the report and share with him the comments members are hearing from their colleagues about it. Members liked this idea as well and asked Ms. Dempsey to try to schedule a meeting, which she agreed to do.

2. 2015 – 2016 AHC FCC meeting schedule and visit to UMD: Ms. Dempsey distributed a handout with the confirmed meeting dates with Dr. Jackson and the proposed regular AHC FCC meeting dates. Members agreed they wanted to travel to Duluth again this fall like they did the past two years. In order to give the committee enough time to plan for their Duluth visit, Professor Krichbaum suggested that the committee meet at the end of August to start planning. Professor St. Peter said she would like the Duluth College of Pharmacy to more actively participate this year like they did the first year when the AHC FCC visited UMD. She and Professor Drewes volunteered to check with their Duluth College of Pharmacy and Medical School colleagues, respectively, to see if the proposed September 24, 2015 date would work for both schools.

3. AHC FCC topics for the 2015 – 2016 academic year: Professor Krichbaum asked members for ideas about what conversations they want to continue talking about next year so they do not get forgotten. Professor St. Peter said the technology issue needs to stay at the forefront of the committee's discussions with Dr. Jackson and other relevant groups in the University community. She reported that the University is moving to a new web conferencing tool, WebEx, for teaching and research-related meetings. Professor Drewes said based on his limited experience with WebEx he is not optimistic that this will be the solution for the technology problems, but will wait and withhold judgment at this time. Again, he mentioned the issue of the technology problems at the May 4 town hall event when Duluth had no video and the microphones on the floor failed. Professor St. Peter said that a priority for the institution should be to update Mayo Auditorium. The AHC needs a venue that can be counted on to reliably connect the AHC campuses for important events like the recent town hall meeting. Another topic that the committee will continue to discuss next year, said Professor Krichbaum, are the Third Thursday events and how to increase attendance. In light of time, she noted that the committee would continue this discussion at its August 27 meeting.

4. AHC FCC chair elect or vice chair: Professor Krichbaum proposed at an upcoming meeting members talk about whether the AHC FCC should formally create a chair-elect or vice chair position.

5. Thank you and adjournment: Professor Krichbaum thanked members for their service this past year, added that she really enjoyed working with everyone and looked forward to next year.

Hearing no further business, Professor Krichbaum adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate