

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

October 12, 1998

Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Cynthia Gross (chair), David Hamilton, Mickey Bebeau, Peter Bitterman

REGRETS: Daniel Feeney, Fred Hafferty

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Members discussed inviting Christine Maziar, VP for Research and Dean of the Graduate School to an upcoming meeting to discuss research and graduate school issues. They identified the following items to discuss with her:

- Equipment replacement fund in lieu of capital depreciation
- Investigator indemnification
- Handling gifts and honoraria to faculty - conflict of interest
- Facilitation of grants submission
- Graduate education
- Institutional training grants

The committee would like VP Maziar to set one agenda item and ask for input.

Professor Hamilton talked briefly about grants management and suggested he provide the AHC FCC with an overview at one of the upcoming meetings. He explained that this would provide an opportunity for him to tell them about a new concept called the Institutional Oversight Model for grants. He added that the Board of Regents has approved it. It was noted that Professor Hamilton reports to VP Maziar and Frank Cerra on grants management issues.

ORTTA is being split into two entities. One is Sponsored Project Administration and the other is Patents and Technology. A director will be appointed to each and will report to VP Maziar. Professor Hamilton went on to report that a team has been appointed with three co-chairs and charged to redesign ORTTA.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to meet with VP Maziar quarterly. It was also suggested that the committee invite the leaders of the graduate student unionization to a meeting.

Members expressed an interest in discussing the legislative initiative with Sr. VP Cerra at the upcoming meeting. Vickie Courtney will contact Cerra about this item. The group should also discuss the agenda for the AHC Faculty Assembly meeting with him.

The discussion then turned to P&T issues, specifically that P&T is not uniformly done throughout the AHC. A question came in the College of Pharmacy regarding where the tenure home is between the department and college and who has final sign off. There was question about whether the AHC Tenure Committee is a viable entity. Is there a need for an AHC-wide committee and who is using it and do people know the relationship between Sr. VP Cerra's review and Executive VP and Provost Bruininks? One member commented that if the college has questions then it is the responsibility of the school to contact the Judicial Committee. Who looks at the final decisions before promotion and tenure is awarded? Professor Hamilton suggested the group talk to Cherrie Perlmutter about the P&T process in the AHC FCC. Are the policies and procedures that accompany the tenure code consistent with the current AHC structure and University structure, it was asked?

Next, members had a brief discussion about retirement issues. If there are alternatives such as termination agreements made available to people, then it should be common knowledge. Are there certain rights a retiring faculty member has and that they should be made aware of opposed to certain administrative flexibility? What is the proper procedure to go through with respect to retirement, one queried? It was agreed that the AHC Faculty Affairs Subcommittee look into this matter.

With respect to the subcommittees, members agreed that it would be beneficial to ask the current subcommittee members to serve out the remainder of this academic year, given that there will be a high turnover of FCC members. Vickie Courtney will prepare a letter to members of the Subcommittees on Faculty Affairs and Finance and Operations asking them to

continue. The subcommittee chairs will be asked for an update at the joint December meeting.

The issue of facilities planning and a meeting with Lorilee Wederstrom should be arranged after the new FCC members are in place.

Professor Hamilton will represent the AHC FCC at the FCC meeting on October 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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