

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

October 10, 2000

Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Timothy Wiedmann (chair), Chris Mueller, Denis Clohisy, Muriel Bebeau

REGRETS: Dan Feeney, Stephanie Valberg

ABSENT: James Bougler, Theodore Oegema, Jean Forster

[In these minutes: Letter from FAC chairs; filling a committee vacancy; items to discuss with the SVP; future committee guests]

The first item of business was to discuss a letter Professor Wiedmann received from the current chair and two past chairs of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) of the Medical regarding comments made in the August 2000 AHC FCC minutes. The minutes implied that the Medical School did not have an established shared governance structure. The letter stated that this was not true, that they believed that faculty consultation is well established. The letter pointed out that the faculty elected to the University Senate as Medical School representatives serve on the FAC. The body meets at least monthly with the Dean and its function is to serve as the liaison between the Dean and the general faculty and increasing faculty participation in governance has been and remains a top priority of the FAC. As a point of clarification, the August AHC FCC minutes reflected a report from the chair about the work of the FCC over the course of its existence.

It was agreed that there was a miscommunication and that perhaps there should be a better communication between the Consultative Committees at the AHC level as well as the college/school level. Members talked about whether it would be beneficial for the chairs of the college/school level FCC's to serve on the AHC FCC. One member commented that it is the responsibility of the members of the AHC FCC to go back to their colleges/schools and report on the efforts of the AHC FCC. Members then spent some time talking about the importance of having the AHC FCC structure but acknowledged more needed to be done to communicate with the faculty in their colleges/schools.

Next, members spent some time talking about filling a vacancy for the Basic Sciences on the FCC. Robert Miller recently resigned from the committee and a faculty from Basic Sciences is needed to fill the remainder of his term.

An issue about charging faculty's ICR for space in BSBE was brought to the attention of Professor Wiedmann. He informed members that what he found out is that they are not charged for space but charged for services provided to people that occupy BSBE based on amount of space people have such as the receptionist, service contracts and repair, etc.

Items to discuss with SVP Cerra

- Defining the priorities of the strategic plan

(With respect to funding of the plan, members were reminded that SVP Cerra told them at the last meeting that there really isn't money for new initiatives but rather to obtain funding to get some stability in the AHC, primarily the Medical School. Faculty were reminded that this was a six-year plan.)

- Organization of AHC central administration
- Clarification regarding the hiring of 80 faculty in the AHC
- Capital Campaign

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the item regarding the hiring of 80 faculty in the Medical School, but because much of it was based on speculation, the minutes will not reflect the discussion.

It was agreed that the following individuals would be invited to meet with the AHC FCC during the next several months:

- Beth Nunnally, CFO
- Barbara Brandt, Vice President for Education
- Mark Paller, Director of the RSO

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Vickie Courtney