

AHC FCC
May 11, 2005
Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Kathie Krichbaum (chair), Lois Heller, Ed Combe, Michael Georgieff, and Brian Isetts

ABSENT: John Himes, Peter Davies, and Marc Jenkins

GUESTS: Marvin Marshak, Chair, Faculty Consultative Committee

In these minutes: [Guest speaker: Marvin Marshak, Chair, Faculty Consultative Committee; Discussion: vice chair position, meeting schedule, teaching portfolios, University governance structures, strategic positioning, voting rights of Clinical Scholar faculty]

Professor Krichbaum called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. As a first order of business, she introduced Marvin Marshak, Chair, Faculty Consultative Committee. The committee had an off-the-record discussion with Professor Marshak about the strategic positioning report and process. Professor Marshak stressed that the report is still amorphous, and that there is ample opportunity for AHC faculty to be involved.

Next, committee members congratulated Professor Krichbaum, who will serve as chair of the committee for the 2005-06 year. Professor Krichbaum stressed the importance of a strong AHC presence in meetings, and then led committee members in a discussion about electing a vice chair. The committee voted to have a vice chair, and then elected Lois Heller for the 2005-06 year. The committee also decided that the vice chair will not necessarily serve as chair the following year; instead, the vice chair will be given the option, and committee will vote on the chair for 2006-07 in the spring of 2006.

During the discussion of the vice chair's role in attending meetings, the committee elected to discuss changing their meeting day to Thursday, which would make it easier for Professor Heller, who is from the Duluth campus, to attend FCC meetings.

Professor Krichbaum then directed committee members to discuss the committee's teaching portfolio project. Professor Krichbaum is scheduled to meet with Dr. Barbara Brandt, Assistant Vice President, AHC Office of Education, and will ask her about staff support. Dr. Brandt has added the Academy for Excellence in Teaching awards, including the portfolios for the project, to her budget for the next fiscal year. The goal is to have developed a prototype of a teaching portfolio by the end of next fall semester, so that it can be used for nominations for the Academy awards next spring. In order to do this, the committee should have examples of teaching portfolios pulled together by the beginning of fall semester. Professor Krichbaum asked for volunteers to meet with her one or two times over the summer to gather and examine current examples of teaching portfolios to bring to the committee next September. Michael Georgieff and Brian Isetts volunteered to do so.

Committee members then decided to move their June meeting date, as Professor Krichbaum will be unable to make that meeting. If there is time, the committee can begin to examine teaching portfolio examples at that meeting.

Next, Rebecca Wienbar, University Senate Office, gave an update on the effort to fill seats on the AHC

Finance & Planning Subcommittee.

Next, committee members voiced the need to discuss the various governance committees and their roles, including the role of AHC faculty on committees. It was suggested that an organizational chart of University governance structure, including the relationship of the Senate to the various committees, would be helpful in clarifying this committee's role and responsibility. Rebecca Wienbar, University Senate Office, agreed to create a chart for the June meeting.

The committee then discussed agenda items for their upcoming meeting with Dr. Cerra, Senior Vice President, AHC, and had an off-the-record discussion on strategic positioning, including the role of the AHC faculty on various task forces, as well as the entire process of the strategic positioning effort and opportunities for faculty involvement in that process.

Finally, Professor Krichbaum directed the committee to discuss the issue of Clinical Scholar Faculty membership and voting privileges in the Senate. This issue was raised by the Medical School Faculty Advisory Council, and will be discussed by the FCC during the upcoming academic year. The committee discussed this issue in conjunction with the Academic Unit Governance Policy that was recently passed by the Board of Regents. Professor Krichbaum recommended that committee members stay informed on the issue, and that the committee takes a position as the issue is discussed in the larger University community.

Hearing no further business, Professor Krichbaum adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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