

AHCFCC
Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 2007

Present: Lois Heller, chair, Sue Berry, Peter Davies, Brian Isetts, Paul Olin, and Cheryl Robertson

Absent: George Muldonado

Guests: Kathleen Krichbaum, past chair

In These Minutes {Discussion of Mentoring Forum Outcomes, Academy of Excellence in Health Research timeline, update on the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Third Thursdays, and issues raised at the FCC meeting}

Professors Heller and Krichbaum raised the question what work products might be generated from the November 2nd forum “Creating Successful Mentoring Relationships”? Professor Carole Bland, Family and Community Medicine, in her extensive work on mentoring is involved in an effort to assess the needs of AHC Schools and Departments in this area. Following the forum on mentoring, the AHCFCC will discuss ways of furthering the effort to identify and address mentoring related needs in across the AHC. Professor Krichbaum reminded members that the attendees of the January 5, 2007 forum “Discovering the Value of Professional Community” were asked what work product they would like to see generated from that event. Many people said they would like more opportunities to socialize with colleagues. As a result the AHCFCC has begun hosting regular social events on *Third Thursdays*.

Professor Heller spoke with Vice President Mark Paller about the Academy of Excellence in Health Research. They are working to align the nomination dates with the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The Health Research Academy selection process will be carried out internally this year and so the deadline for submissions can be moved forward into late February or even early March. Professor Heller will send an updated timeline to the committee when it is finalized, which will likely occur next week.

Vice President Brandt will attend the December AHCFCC meeting to discuss the evaluation process for the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The committee has discussed the importance of clarifying the nomination criteria in order to have a fair and considered evaluation of the nominations. The point was raised that the design of the award needs to get underway. Sara Balick will contact Vice President Brandt to get the conversation started about the design process.

Members then discussed hosting Third Thursday AHC Social Events. The below schedule was tentatively agreed upon.

- November 15th, Sue Berry, Medical School
- December 20th, no event because of the holiday
- January 17th, Lois Heller, Duluth
- February 21st, Cheryl Robertson, School of Nursing

- March 20th, Peter Davies, School of Veterinary Medicine
- April 17th, Brian Isetts, College of Pharmacy
- May 15th, Paul Olin, School of Dentistry

Professor Heller provided an update from the University Faculty Consultative Committee meeting. Salient points of interest are listed below:

- An AHC faculty member's research lab was displaced by the 35W bridge collapse and he has raised concerns about being able to find suitable space to carry on his research. The University is working to find suitable lab space to his conduct research.
- There was discussion of space usage across the AHC, with an emphasis on large tiered classrooms. AHC classroom usage has been estimated, by AHC Classroom Services, to be at 50%-70% between the hours of 8:00-5:00, Monday through Friday. It has been suggested that the need for large classrooms will not be as great as it has historically been as technology and evolving learning styles affect the utilization of classrooms. The need for greater access to leading edge technologically is adding complexity and cost to space issues across the University.
- A discussion took place regarding copyrights in relationship to the University and its employees. This is a controversial topic and FCC discussions on it are likely to be underway for sometime. No conclusions about resolving the differing views of faculty and administration have been reached at this point.

Hearing no further business, Professor Heller adjourned the meeting.

Sara Balick
University Senate