

Academic Health Center  
Faculty Consultative Committee  
April 3, 2008  
Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Lois Heller, chair, Susan Berry, Colin Campbell, Peter Davies, Brian Issets, Paul Olin, Cheryl Robertson, and Vernon Weckwerth

In These Minutes {Agenda for the April meeting with Dr. Cerra, Report from the University FCC, Survey of AHC Faculty regarding the forum, Screening of nominees to the Academy of Excellence in Health Research}

Professor Heller opened the meeting by calling for approval of the March meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. She then noted that the April meeting with Dr. Cerra had been moved from the 8th to the 16th. She asked the group to identify items for the April meeting with Dr. Cerra. The group then discussed the following items.

- Questions about the Clinical and Transitional Sciences Award (CTSA)
- The status of the 7/12 Statements
- Discussion on the reports from the February meeting with Dr. Cerra:
  1. Primary Care in Minnesota: An AHC Perspective
  2. Educating Minnesota's Future Health Professional Workforce 2008 Update

Professor Heller then provided a report from the University Senate Faculty Consultative meetings in March.

- Provost Sullivan is chairing a committee to review and update copyright policy.
- There was discussion about the new questions being used on the student survey.
- The Pulse survey will be sent out next week and the OHR encourages all employees to participate.
- There have been inconsistencies identified in the application of penalties for students who violate the academic code of conduct. There is a workgroup looking at how to ensure fair and consistent application of the penalties.

Professor Davies then provided written results for the AHCFCC Faculty Forum survey for discussion. The salient points of the discussion are below.

1. The top two reasons given for not attending forums in the past were scheduling difficulties and / or heavy workload.
2. A list of options was provided for a possible topic at the next forum and the results were as follows:
  - Fostering Interdisciplinary Research – 45
  - Faculty Mentoring Part II – 36
  - How To Organize Your Professional Life – 35
  - Work/Life Balance – 32
  - Fostering Interdisciplinary Teaching – 27
  - Health Professional Needs – 21
3. Responses regarding a preferred day of the week for the forum were:
  - Friday – 31
  - Tuesday – 20
  - Wednesday – 18
  - Thursday – 16
  - Monday – 11

4. Responses regarding time preferences for the forum were as follows:

- 8:00 am -10:00 am with an informal breakfast – 27
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm followed by a reception – 22
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm with lunch included – 16
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm followed by a reception – 16
- 9:00 pm – 3:00 pm with a lunch included – 1

Using the survey results as a guide, the committee will continue to discuss planning of the forum at the May meeting.

Professor Heller then led a review of the twelve nominations to the Academy of Excellence in Health Research. The members completed the screening of nominees according to the stated criteria and Professor Heller was authorized to forward the results of the screening to the Drs. Paller and Cerra. The 2008 inductees will be decided on by the Selection Committee, which is comprised of the members of the Academy of Excellence in Health Research.

Professor Heller asked the members to consider serving as the AHCFCC chair for 2008-2009. She would like the committee to vote for her successor at the May 1st meeting.

Hearing no further business Professor Heller then adjourned the meeting.

Sara Balick  
University Senate