

[In these minutes: Comments on the AHC Strategic Positioning Reports, 2006-07 Elections]

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

406 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: Jeremy Olsen, Chair (Medical School-4th Year), Laura Hubbard (Pharmacy-Twin Cities), Linnea Jorgensen (Nursing-Rochester), David Nelson (Medical School-1st Year), Jeff Pinnow (Medical School-3rd Year), Joseph Steingraeber (Physical Therapy).

REGRETS:

Geoff Archibald (Dentistry), Amy Cahoy (Nursing-Twin Cities), Larissa Denker (Dental Hygiene), Autumn Erwin (Medical School-Duluth), Karen Joye (Public Health), Shawn Peterka (Pharmacy-Duluth), Katherine Peterson (Veterinary Medicine), Larry Pyers (Medical Technology), Alexander Rydell (Mortuary Science), Wayne Zerr (Occupational Therapy).

GUESTS: Dana Simonson.

1. AHC STRATEGIC POSITIONING REPORTS

Members made the following comments about the task force reports:

- Rochester faculty, staff, and students needs quality assurance in regard to facilities, learning tools, instructional staff, and overall learning environment. The current learning experience can be frustrating since classroom and laboratory quality is compromised. Many learning tools are not available at this location, so students must either commute to the Twin Cities or forego the experience.
- Rochester site needs to be made acceptable to Nursing program before other programs are moved to the same location
- Students appreciated the overall focus in all reports on the clinical aspects of the space and learning and the need for improved clinical space
- With space an issue, the coordinate campuses and St. Paul should be considered for future building. This can create a transportation issue when people need to be in multiple places to fulfill different aspects of their positions (i.e. research, teaching, clinicals).
- New facilities will be important in attracting future faculty staff, and students
- Report gave a positive endorsement of the clinical focus at Duluth, but it should be made stronger. Research cannot be the sole method of evaluation when training clinicians
- Reports covered all aspects of education, without going into great detail at this time
- Reports create a framework for what needs to be fixed, which at this time appears to be mostly buildings and infrastructure, not program cuts
- AHC will compromise education by highly supporting research and sacrificing clinical aspects; a balance needs to be reached
- Faculty should reflect the area where most students will be heading (research faculty vs. clinicians)
- Interdisciplinary work, both among faculty and students, is limited currently and greatly needs to be increased, either through more extracurricular offerings, elective credits, or required coursework
- Health Professional Workforce report is extremely important for students since it addresses the steep costs associated with degrees in these fields

2. 2006-07 ELECTIONS

Jeff Pinnow was elected chair and David Nelson was elected vice chair for 2006-07.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A member stated that the AHC portal has information on it that is outdated and wondered who makes the updates and when. Jeremy Olsen said that the committee has worked on this issue in the past, and that it should be a topic for next year.

With no other business, Jeremy Olsen thanked the members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate