

Minutes
Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee
October 2, 2008
8:00-9:30 a.m.
488 Children's Rehabilitation Center

These minutes reflect discussion and debate at a meeting of a committee of the University of Minnesota Senate or Twin Cities Campus Delegation; none of the comments, conclusions, or actions reported in these minutes represents the views of, nor are they binding on, the Senate or Delegation, the Administration, or the Board of Regents.

Present: Brian Isetts, chair, Paul Olin, Peter Davies, Cheryl Robertson, Steve Downing, Vernon Weckwerth

Regrets: Susan Berry, Colin Campbell

Approval of September Minutes: The minutes of September 4th were approved.

Fall Forum: Chair Isetts informed committee members that they need to register on-line for the forum if they are planning to attend. Professor Weckwerth asked if P&As had been invited and Isetts confirmed that they were. Weckwerth also inquired about obtaining Responsible Conduct for Research (RCR) - Academic Integrity & Ethics credit for forum attendance. Isetts agreed to check on eligibility for that credit. Isetts reported 40 people registered and he expected approximately 60. Professor Robertson agreed to introduce Patricia Schaber and Professor Davies will introduce the Clarion group. Isetts reminded members that Oct 9th is the deadline to register. Speakers have until Monday to turn in their material.

The chair suggested a re-evaluation of the need to offer CME credits and the method used to distribute them. He plans to include a question on the evaluation asking attendees the importance of the credits. He thinks the expense and time put into giving the credits may not be worth the time, effort and expense. Professor Davies observed that they don't seem to be all that important. Next year's opportunity to garner CME credits for attending the forum will be based partially on this year's evaluation responses.

Third Thursdays: Professor Robertson volunteered to host the March 19th event. There is still the need for a host to cover the May 21st date.

Posthumous Awards: After reviewing the Honors Committee's criteria for awarding individuals the Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, it was decided that the reception for the event will be named in remembrance of Carole Bland. There will also be a memorial service for Professor Bland on Monday, October 6th, at the McNamara Alumni Center. A light lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. with time to view pictures and a video. The service will commence at 1:30 p.m. Those unable to attend who would like to honor Professor Bland's memory may contribute to the Carole J. Bland Fund for Faculty Development by contacting the Minnesota Medical Foundation. The medical school plans to recognize Carole's work with the Outstanding Mentor Award. Chair Isetts expressed a desire to partner with the medical school on this event and will keep the committee posted.

FCC Meetings: Chair Isetts would like to meet with the collegiate FCC committees and asked members about their respective FCC meeting dates so he could include them on his calendar. He plans to meet with the FCC of the Medical School on November 4th, Pharmacy November 6th and Nursing on November 10th. The purpose of his visits is to stay abreast of individual committee agendas, using their meeting topics as focal points for the AHC FCC meetings.

Meetings with Cerra: The topic for the October 14th meeting will be 'defining the academic currency of clinical track faculty.' The objectives include; 1) AHC administration goals and future plans, and 2) describing the role of AHC FCC in the interface between individual academic units and the AHC administration, "similar to State's versus Federal rights."

Report from the AHC Financing Committee: Paul Olin noted conversion to the EFS system did not go as well as anticipated. There will be a post-implementation assessment on each department measuring the time lost due to the new financial system.

He noted that there is a change in the University's vending machines. Selections now include non-carbonated options in vending machines and more healthy choices in respect to the food offered.

Professor Isetts adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Lisa Towry
University Senate Office