

Minutes

Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee August 7, 2008 10:00-11:30 406 Children's Rehabilitation Center

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Present: Brian Isetts (chair), Susan Berry, Colin Campbell, Peter Davies, Steve Downing, and Paul Olin

Regrets: Cheryl Robertson and Vernon Weckwerth

Guests: Gwen Halaas (AHC Center for Interprofessional Education), Ginny Jacobs (Continuing Medical Education), Maureen Lally (AHC Office of Communications), Anne Minenko (Professor, College of Medicine), Jessica Oetting (Student), Don Uden (Professor, College of Pharmacy), Alanna White (Student)

With a quorum present, Professor Isetts convened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Strategic Planning for 2008-09

Associate Professor Isetts began with an overview of potential AHC FCC strategic direction initiatives. He noted that upon becoming committee chair this year, he wanted to more specifically define the AHC FCC's purpose. The AHC FCC was established in 1997, and had functioned using a more formal consultative group process in its earlier years. Now, the AHC FCC is seeking to function in more of a trust building environment between faculty and administration, and aims to help the University achieve its broader goals. Brian Isetts recently met with AHC Senior Vice President Dr. Frank Cerra to gain more of an understanding of his perspective of the committee's core purpose. According to Dr. Cerra at the January 2007 State of the AHC Address, "There is a repository of wisdom in our faculty...We need the wisdom of those faculty and we don't really have a good system for tapping it and using it." Dr. Cerra has encouraged the committee to think about ways the AHC FCC could work toward achieving this goal. Dr. Cerra and Associate Professor Isetts agree that it is important to keep a two-way dialogue going. Brian Isetts also stated that he would like the committee to work on bridging relationships between the AHC FCC and the FCCs of each college within the AHC. This is to ensure that information is communicated by each AHC FCC representative to the FCC of their respective colleges.

Review of Third Thursdays Purpose and Function

Associate Professor Isetts led a review of the purpose and function of the AHC Third Thursday Receptions, which are sponsored each month by a different college within the AHC. These events are designed to give AHC faculty a chance to socialize and discuss collaboration in a relaxing setting.

The 2008-09 schedule was discussed, although a meeting venue(s) needs to be established for this year's Third Thursdays. The committee decided to have a March event, although it is during Spring Break week. Maureen Lally, AHC Office of Communications, suggested that the group not hold the event after May due to greatly reduced attendance over the summer months. Otherwise, the committee accepted the proposed schedule for 2008-09 as follows:

- October 16 (Opening Reception after the Fall Forum)
- November 20
- January 15
- February 21
- March 20
- April 16
- May 21

Associate Professor Isetts reminded the committee that a different committee member is responsible for hosting the event each month.

Plenary Session for the AHC Fall Faculty Forum

Chairman Isetts next gave an overview of the agenda for the AHC Fall Faculty Forum, which will be held on October 16, 2008. This year's forum will be focused on how to foster interprofessional scholarship, and will consist of the following:

- Presentations by several members of the AHC faculty and administration,
- A presentation of their award-winning case by the CLARION student group,
- Two roundtable sessions on addressing challenges to interprofessional collaboration, and
- The inaugural Third Thursday Reception immediately following the Forum.

The committee members discussed presenting specific examples of interprofessional scholarship versus having a broader discussion of the topic. Associate Professor Isetts asked the committee to identify, from their perspective, some barriers to interprofessional scholarship.

Two committee members stated that 1) finding people who do the same kind of work, and 2) identifying funding sources were both barriers. Associate Professor Isetts said this would be discussed further at the September meeting.

Next, Brian Isetts turned to Professor Halaas to introduce the CLARION group, who will be presenting at the AHC Fall Faculty Forum. CLARION is a student-led committee that, under the advisement of AHC faculty and staff, creates and conducts co-curricular, interprofessional experiences for U of M AHC students. Professor Halaas said this will be a good opportunity for the students to share their experiences with a larger audience. She noted that CLARION, which has been active since 2000, is primarily concerned with patient safety and quality improvement, mostly involving cases within the U of M Medical School. Alanna White, CLARION group member and PharmD candidate, said their group's presentation will give an overview of CLARION, their specific case, and how the experience affected their group. Professor Minenko added that the presentation is very inspiring to hear, and conveys the message that achieving interprofessional scholarship is possible in any setting. Professor Berry suggested that the scope of the presentation go beyond just education and also focus on research. Associate Professor Isetts will be meeting with the CLARION group on August 20 to discuss plans further, and will have an update for the committee by its September 4 meeting.

Maureen Lally presented a draft of the flyer for the AHC Fall Faculty Forum. Brian Isetts asked her to add a connection on the registration website to enable people to also register for the luncheon to be held immediately prior to the Forum. She will also assist with creating a "save the date" email to be sent to faculty in approximately two weeks.

Brian Isetts noted that he will revise his initial recommendations for the Café Roundtable Sessions and redistribute to the committee. These will be held at the end of the day to facilitate a smooth transition to the Third Thursday reception that will immediately follow the sessions.

Associate Professor Isetts raised the following items to be considered during the 2008-09 academic year:

- Continue building relationships between the AHC FCC and the individual colleges' FCCs.
- Consider ways in which to involve more faculty in governance.
- Promote both the AHC Academy for Excellence in Health Research and the AHC Academy for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The deadline for submitting nominations for Teaching and Learning is November 28, 2008, and the Health Research deadline will be in March 2009.
- The ACH Faculty Assembly and Dr. Cerra's State of the AHC Address will likely be held again in January, but a specific date has not yet been set.

Other Business

- Chairman Isetts stated that meeting minutes from both the June and August meetings will be approved at the September 4 meeting.
- The committee's next monthly meeting with Dr. Cerra will be August 19, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Dr. Cerra's office, 475 Children's Rehabilitation Center. Typically, any changes to the schedule for these meetings will be communicated to the committee no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled date. Brian Isetts requested that members notify him if they are unable to attend a meeting. Professor Downing indicated that he will let Isetts and Steve Fester know if he needs an ITV connection to participate in those meetings from the Duluth campus.

Hearing no further business, Professor Isetts adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Steve Fester
University Senate