

**AHC FCC Meeting Minutes**  
Children's Rehab Center, Room 406  
November 6, 2008  
8:00 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:** Brian Isetts (chair), Steve Downing, Peter Davies

**Absent:** Vernon Weckwerth, Susan Berry

**Regrets:** Colin Campbell, Cheryl Robertson

**Guest:** Erin Sperling, sr. academic and policy analyst, Academic Health Center

**Approval of October Minutes:** Minutes could not be approved at this time due to the lack of a quorum.

**Distributed Material:** Along with the agenda and October's meeting minutes, Chair Isetts also distributed:

- Continuing education participant survey responses.
- Recommendations on possible external reviewers for the Academy of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award.
- AHC Academy for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning nomination evaluation form.
- AHC FCC Fall Forum table top breakout notes

**Evaluation of AHC Fall Forum:** Chair Isetts reviewed the Fall Forum feedback and comments with members and noted that participants overwhelmingly saw no need for CE credits and that it really was not worth the effort. However, the RCR credit was very important. Links to the forum will be made available to view online in conjunction with the post-forum survey.

Professors Davies and Isetts discussed the content of the post-forum survey that is distributed yearly. Davies cautioned using the same questions as last year only to have the same people give the same responses as in previous years. They discussed new criteria and topics for the survey and Isetts agreed to write up a proposal of topics and distribute them to members. Davies will locate a list of topics that had been considered in the past. He also suggested choosing topics that relate to a broader audience.

Professor Downing suggested holding a discussion about the University's goal of becoming one of the top three research institutions in the world and what that means, specifically for UMD. This issue will be raised at the AHC FCC's meeting with Dr. Cerra in December.

**Academy of Excellence Criteria Review:** The deadline for the Academy of Excellence in Teaching nominations is November 28<sup>th</sup>. The criteria will be distributed at the December AHC FCC meeting and a screening committee will be determined by January. In January, members will discuss whether the candidates meet the criteria for nomination and they will also rank the candidates for presentation to the external review committee. Ms. Sperling informed members the emphasis needs to be on the teaching and learning qualities of applicants.

**Third Thursdays:** Members postponed a review of Third Thursday's Program due to lack of meeting attendance. The next Third Thursday event is November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by Professor Paul Olin.

**Visits to FCC/FAC's:** Chair Isetts met with the Medical School FAC on November 4<sup>th</sup> and shared with them the strategic plan of the AHC FCC that he developed in August 2008. They expressed interest in attending Third Thursdays as well as receiving information regarding the monthly AHC FCC meetings with Dr. Cerra. They would like to keep abreast of the issues discussed and any pertinent outcomes or decisions that are made in the meetings that could affect the Medical School. He will be meeting with the Medical School FAC Chair and Vice Chair and will invite them to an AHC FCC meeting so they can have a first hand experience of the current issues the committee is working on.

**Other Business:** Professor Downing brought up the need to review the criteria of promotion of tenure track faculty in Duluth versus the Twin Cities campus. He said promotion is difficult at UMD because they do not have the same elements to be reviewed by as the Twin Cities, such as clinical scholars, yet Duluth faculty are being held to the same criteria as the Twin Cities campus faculty. He added that this issue has become a real concern for faculty at UMD. Downing added that the Duluth campus used to be considered its own unit and separate from the Twin Cities Medical School but because of accreditation issues, the two became blended as one unit. Chair Isetts said that the issue of promotion of tenure track faculty would be a good topic at the meeting with Dr. Cerra as well as a possible future forum topic.

**Meeting with Dr. Cerra:** The dialogue for the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with Dr. Cerra is: Inflexibility in the application of promotion

and tenure criteria among AHC units.

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