

AHC FCC MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2009
10:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.
Children's Rehab Center, room 406

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Present: Steve Downing, Colin Campbell, Brian Isetts (chair), Paul Olin, Susan Berry, Vernon Weckwerth, Peter Davies, Cheryl Robertson

Action Items

There was one modification made to the April 2, 2009 AHC-FCC meeting minutes, and then they were approved unanimously.

A secret ballot nomination process was used to generate a slate of candidates for the position of Chair of the AHC-FCC in 2009-2010. Three individuals were nominated by this process, although two nominees declined nomination. The AHC-FCC voted by acclamation to re-elect Professor Brian Isetts to the position of Chair for 2009-2010.

Professor Olin gave members an update on the AHC Finance and Planning Committee. Chair Isetts asked if Olin was going to continue his service with the committee and Olin indicated his interest in this capacity. He gave an overview of what the committee has been discussing recently, including the progress being made on the light rail train plans as well as the University's budget outlook, and what that will mean for the Academic Health Center (AHC). Members discussed the limitations of spending the stimulus funds and the strict reporting requirements surrounding its use.

Members agreed that the committee would continue to sponsor the Third Thursdays receptions next year, pending approval of financial support. Isetts suggested having guest hosts other than committee members and make each event thematic with the host's area of expertise. He thinks this might generate interest among a greater cross-section of faculty. He said the Medical School is hosting May's event and that it is the last one of the year and has historically had the lowest attendance, probably due to the fact that many faculty have already implemented their summer schedules. Members discussed last year's schedule and agreed that next year the event will begin in October and go through April, with a December holiday respite.

AHC Interfacing

Isetts talked about the idea of members interfacing with each other's collegiate faculty consultative committees (FCC) to facilitate the cross-fertilization of ideas, needs, insights, etc. Berry said that there has been no real affiliation between the AHC FCC and collegiate FCCs or faculty councils. Isetts mentioned that he has had robust conversations regarding whether the collegiate FCC representatives should provide an annual report on its committee's activities. Isetts would like to build a more formal relationship with the collegiate FCCs in the upcoming academic year.

It was suggested that the committee invite the chairs of each FCC within the AHC to attend an AHC FCC meeting. Olin suggested inviting two chairs to attend the meeting on the same day so that they can hear what the other schools are up to. Professor Robertson questioned how other schools present themselves to other groups outside their own school. She said it seems like they try to present themselves as being very together but in fact they are not. Berry stated that in her school the faculty and staff recognized their dysfunction but to outside groups they portray a sense of togetherness and cohesion. Davies concurred. Olin asked whether or not school FCC chairs meet at all to discuss what is going on in their schools but no one was aware that they do. Berry suggested having an off-site luncheon meeting with the school chairs as a nice, informal way to get together and share ideas. Isetts thought that might be a good idea and members agreed to discuss it further at another time.

Davies suggested members make a point to meet with the deans of their schools and talk about the AHC FCC's purpose and goals and perhaps share networking ideas. Isetts said he could meet monthly with one dean at a time next year in order to build stronger interschool relationships and asked members if that sounded reasonable. Members agreed but Isetts still would like members to make it a point to meet with their deans on a regular basis. He made a motion that all FCC representatives meet with their school deans on an at least quarterly basis. The motion was seconded, members voted and it was past unanimously. Isetts will meet with each dean and communicate with each dean regarding this plan of action.

Transitional Administrative and Advisory Groups

Isetts distributed a document entitled *AHC Major Challenges for the Next Two Years*, which is a working task plan for the newly formed transitional administrative group and the transitional advisory group to utilize while assisting in the changes being made at the AHC. He pointed out that all of the members in the group are from the Medical School, however, there is a slot open for a representative from the AHC FCC. Isetts said they need to recommend a representative to serve on the transitional advisory group and suggested that member be

from one of the AHC schools other than the Medical School. Olin thinks there should be a broader representation within that group. Professor Campbell noted that basic sciences were not represented in the current group and volunteered to serve on the committee. Members discussed the group roster and the participant's roles at the University. Isetts said that there is a need for a non-Medical School representative in the group. Referring to the current list of administrators in the group, Olin pointed out that the current financial state of the University has come under the administration that is listed on the group roster. Olin suggested asking President Bruininks to another AHC FCC meeting to discuss what role the committee can play in the AHC transition. Berry suggested Olin participate in the transitional group. He said that he could and agreed to serve. A motion was made to send Colin Campbell and Paul Olin to the transitional advisory group meetings, and the motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Academy of Excellence in Health Research

Isetts brought the dossiers of the nominees for the AHC Academy for Excellence in Health Research. Members briefly discussed nominees and agreed that they are an impressive group of people. Isetts said that he would communicate with Dr. Mark Paller to let him know that the dossiers have been reviewed.

Fall Faculty Forum

Next year's Fall Faculty Forum topics to choose from are the *currency of clinical scholars* or *conflicts of interest*. Members agreed that the "*scholars*" issue would be more interesting. The forum will be held on Friday during late October or early November based on the schedules of Barbara Brandt, Frank Cerra and Provost Tom Sullivan. Lisa Towry from the University Senate Office will contact the McNamara Alumni Center to check for venue options.

AHC FCC Meeting with Dr. Cerra

Isetts is unable to attend the next meeting with Dr. Cerra on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 and asked members to lead the discussion about being active in the AHC reorganization plan.

Hearing no further business, Chair Isetts adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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