

Dec. 7, 2004, the Medical School at the University of Minnesota

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University of Minnesota Medical School
Faculty Advisory Council
December 7, 2004**

The meeting of the Medical School Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) was held on Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m. in Room B6 Mayo Memorial Building. David Ingbar, Chair of the FAC, presided.

Members Present: Felix Ankel, Susan Berry, Peter Bitterman, Carole Bland, Blanche Chavers, David Cornfield, Scott Crow, David Current, John Day, Elke Eckert, Stephen Ekker, Patricia Ferrieri, Gregory Filice, Richard Gray, Jon Hallberg, Marshall Hertz, Betsy Hirsch, David Ingbar, Carol Lange (Douglas Yee), Walter Low, Steven McLoon, Charles Moldow, Wesley Miller, James Pacala, Jose Pardo, Sarah Schwarzenberg, Elizabeth Seaquist, Virginia Seybold, Anne Taylor, and Theodore Thompson
Guests: Allison Campbell

AHC/Medical School Clinical Research Initiatives Update

The search for a Director of Clinical Research in the Academic Health Center (AHC) is progressing. There are two external and one internal candidates being considered. The Director will receive \$2 million in recurring funds to develop mentored research programs within the AHC.

Research in the Medical School – Strategy for Getting to the NIH Top 20

The Medical School has fallen in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) research funding rankings since the 1990s. Dean Powell stated the School has the faculty and infrastructure necessary to re-enter the top 20 and it is critical that public schools play a role in scientific research. The School would need another \$30M in grants to achieve top 20 status. However the faculty must be behind an initiative to regain top 20 status. She would like a school-wide discussion on the issue which would include faculty at the affiliated hospitals and in Duluth.

The FAC agreed that engaging the faculty is critical but the Department Heads must also be involved. In clinical departments, many faculty do not have protected time to perform research and research projects are viewed as taking money away from the department. It is also important to focus not just on money but on good science.

This goal will also alter recruitment plans. The School has focused on hiring junior faculty as opposed to more senior faculty who already have NIH funds.

The faculty will need to have a roadmap in order support the plan. Next steps will involve meeting with other groups of faculty to discuss this goal.

ACGME

Dean Powell announced that the School has received full five year accreditation from the ACGME and received several commendations for excellent programs. She thanked the faculty for their work which made the site visit extremely successful.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Olson

Staff to the FAC

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