

April 4, 2006, the Medical School at the University of Minnesota

MINUTES University of Minnesota Medical School Faculty Advisory Council

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The meeting of the Medical School Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) was held on Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m. in Room B620 Mayo Memorial Building. Susan Berry, Chair of the FAC, presided.

Members Present:

Vivian Bardwell, Susan Berry, James Carey, Scott Crow, Stephen Downing, Esam El-Fakahany, Patricia Ferrieri, Jon Hallberg, Betsy Hirsch, David Ingbar, David Largaespada, Steven McLoon, Jose Pardo, Patrick Schlievert, and Theodore Thompson

Dean's Office Staff Present: Allison Campbell, Peter Mitsch, Charles Moldow, and Deborah Powell

Announcements and Update

Biomedical Facility Bill

This bill is going forward to the last two house committees and has met little resistance. This bill would provide a funding stream for five new biomedical buildings, which would be built by the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research. The plan would be to build one building every two years.

Open Searches

- Cancer Center Director Search: This Academic Health Center search has been narrowed to two finalists.
- Lillehei Heart Institute Director/Cardiology Division Director: The Search Committee has names of three candidates that they will forward to the Dean. The second round of visits was recently concluded.
- Department Head for Surgery: This search has been narrowed to three candidates. The first external candidate has returned for a third visit, and an internal candidate will be undergoing his third round visit in the near future. The third candidate may not be invited for a final visit.
- Stem Cell Institute Director: There are two official final candidates, one of which is internal. An unofficial third candidate will be visiting the University shortly to briefly discuss the position.
- Department Head for Otolaryngology: Dr. Jay Krachmer has agreed to chair this search, will be soon be started.
- Department Head for Integrative Biology and Physiology (proposed name): Dr. David Bernlohr has agreed to chair this search which will be started once a new name has been certified by the Executive Faculty.

Liaison Committee on Medical Education Site Visit/Duluth

The LCME Site Visitors are on campus today and were on the Duluth Campus yesterday. The Site Visitors have noted that we are steadily moving forward with integration initiatives. Dean Powell agreed to meet monthly with the Duluth faculty on an individual basis for the next several months and has had a very productive time doing so, discussing programs, plans, mentoring, and how to come together as one faculty. Rick Ziegler will step down as Dean of the Duluth Campus in December of 2006. The Dean will meet with Department Heads in Duluth to start a search by the end of May 2006.

Voting Rights for Clinical Scholar (I) Faculty

Dr. Berry reported to Council that the Senate has approved the proposal from the FAC to allow Clinical Scholar Faculty (type I) to vote and be eligible for University Senate seats. This proposal needs final ratification by the University Board of Regents, which is being planned for early summer, 2006.

University Budget Changes

Peter Mitsch, Director of Finance and Administration, presented Council with the new University Budget Model, which has already been made effective. This new budget model eliminates the previous "IRS Tax" that was paid to Central Administration, but in turn, requires each collegiate unit to pay for certain allocations that are regulated by Central Administration, such as utilities, facilities, information technology, libraries, etc. Some of these costs are based on consumption, which will be based on our number of faculty, students, and staff. These administrative costs can go up annually, as regulated by Central Administration. In turn, all Indirect Cost Recovery and Tuition Revenue will go directly to the collegiate unit and not through Central Administration as previously appropriated.

This new model provides transparency, especially related to space, but also has created a budget shortfall in most collegiate units. Other collegiate units are raising tuition to cover this shortfall, but this cannot happen in the Medical School. Dean Powell explained to Council that because of this new budget model, philanthropy needs to play a larger role. The Medical School budget works very similar to that of a private school, so we may need to start approaching philanthropy in that manner.

Research Initiatives

Due to time constraints, this issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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