

AHC FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

March 28, 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

[In these minutes: Debrief from March 4 Meeting with Dr. Jackson, Agenda Items for May 6 AHC FCC Meeting with Dr. Jackson, Discussion Topics for April 10 Meeting with FCC, Discussion Topics for April 18 Meeting with Vice President Herman, Third Thursdays, Miscellaneous Committee Business]

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Present: Ned Patterson, (chair), John Connett, Les Drewes, Kathleen Krichbaum, Sandra Myers, Wendy St. Peter

Regrets: Paul Bohjanen

Absent: Robert Kratzke

I). Professor Patterson called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II). The committee spent the first few minutes debriefing on their March 4 meeting with Dr. Brooks Jackson. After a brief discussion, members agreed that their initial impressions were positive.

III). Professor Patterson asked members their ideas for agenda items for the next meeting with Dr. Jackson, which will be on May 6 since the April 1 meeting was cancelled. In addition to the committee coming up with agenda items for this meeting, it was decided that Dr. Jackson should be asked if he has any items as well. The following agenda items were decided upon:

- The AHC Student Consultative Committee.
- Information technology/connectivity issues, which are having an impact on the educational experience for system campus students (Duluth and Rochester) and also an impact on collaborative research opportunities.

Stemming out of the discussion, Professor Krichbaum suggested that members make an effort to connect with their school's student governance body and familiarize themselves with the issues they are discussing. Professor Patterson also suggested that each school's FCC/FAC may want to consider periodically meeting with their student governance groups to hear their issues/concerns and stay connected.

Professor Drewes stated that the technology issue has been a pet peeve of his for a long time and suggested inviting someone to meet with the committee to discuss the issue further. Professor St. Peter agreed and added that each school should develop of list of

their technology-related issues both from an educational as well as a research perspective and then craft a compelling story outlining technology infrastructure needs. Members agreed that this continues to be a long-standing issue for the AHC and likely other parts of the University. Ms. Dempsey, Senate staff, let members know that Bernie Gulachek, associate vice president, Office of Information Technology, is scheduled to attend the committee's next meeting on April 18.

Before moving on to the next topic, Professor Krichbaum stated that at some point she thinks the committee should talk with Dr. Jackson about his vision for the AHC as a whole. In addition, she suggested hearing about Dr. Barbara Brandt's role relative to Dr. Jackson, especially now that her efforts are being focused on interdisciplinary education. Professor Patterson added that at a future meeting with Dr. Jackson, the committee should talk with him further about clinical faculty.

IV). Next, the committee talked about topics for their discussion with the FCC on Thursday, April 10 from 1:00 – 1:45. The following topics were suggested:

- The Special Committee on Graduate Education (jointly formed by the Provost and FCC) report - <http://academic.umn.edu/provost/vpoffices/graduate.html> - where do health science professional students fit into their findings and what role, if any, should the AHC FCC play related to health science professional students.
- Inform the FCC about the GAPS/COGS representation and funding issues.
- Clinical track faculty.
- AHC FCC and its relationship with the FCC.
- The new AHC reporting structure (Provost and VP/Dean).

V). Members went on to discuss topics for their April 18 meeting with Vice President Brian Herman. The following items were mentioned:

- Update on the Office of the Vice President of Research's strategic planning efforts.
- Learn about MnDRIVE funding in terms of how the funds can be accessed, the criteria for requesting funds and how the funds have been allocated thus far.
- Hear Vice President Herman's thoughts on the CTSA.

VI). Moving on, the committee talked about the remaining Third Thursdays for this academic year. Professor Drewes reported receiving mixed responses from Duluth faculty about their ability to attend the April 17 Third Thursday in the Twin Cities. He can, however, confirm Professor Michelle Johnson-Jennings from Research for Indigenous Community Health Center (RICH) is able to attend and he believes he will be able to get a few others as well. Following up on a recent email he sent, Professor Drewes asked about the possibility of arranging a few small face-to-face encounters for the delegation from Duluth in an effort to increase their visibility when they visit the Twin Cities, e.g., tour of AHC Simulation Center, tour of the Raptor Center, visit the Biomedical Discovery District, Lions Research Building/McGuire Translational Research Facility, Center for Magnetic Resonance Research (CMRR), Masonic Cancer Center.

At the conclusion of this discussion it was agreed that Professor Drewes would first identify who would be attending from Duluth. Then, depending on who will be attending from Duluth, this discussion would be continued online.

VII). The remainder of the meeting was spent on miscellaneous business:

1. Professor Patterson reported needing to participate by phone for the April 18 AHC FCC meeting.
2. Professor Patterson stated that he would attend the June 20 AHC FCC from an ITV room in Duluth.
3. An agenda item for the April 18 AHC FCC meeting will be to discuss topics for the committee's May meeting with Provost Hanson. A couple items that were mentioned were clinical faculty and the status of the collegiate constitutions.
4. Invite Dr. Jackson to join the AHC FCC when it travels to Duluth next September. Members looked at their calendars and decided to try and go to Duluth on Thursday, September 25, 2014. If Dr. Jackson is unable to join the committee, members agreed to make a point of sharing their faculty perspective of Duluth with him.

VIII). Hearing no further business, Professor Patterson adjourned the meeting.

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