

**Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee (AHC FCC)
November 15, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting**

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PRESENT: Kathleen Krichbaum (chair), Cathy Carlson, John Connett, Les Drewes, Angela Panoskaltsis-Mortari, Kyriakie Sarafoglou, Natalia Tretyakova for Wendy St. Peter

REGRETS: Wendy St. Peter

ABSENT: Paul Jardine

1. **November 17, 2016 Third Thursday:** Professor Krichbaum reminded members that this week's Third Thursday event features Dr. David Ingbar who will provide information about the Clinical Translational Science Institute's (CTSI) education and career development programs. While she said she will not be able to be there because she will be attending a conference, Professor John Connett will introduce Dr. Ingbar. She encouraged members who are available to attend and also asked members to remind their faculty colleagues about this event.
2. **Advancing Human Subjects Research Implementation:** Professor Krichbaum turned members' attention to the November 2016 update to the Minnesota Legislature regarding the University's progress on its efforts to improve its human research protection program, which was sent out along with the agenda. She suggested members forward this update to their faculty colleagues so they are informed about what is taking place.
3. **AHC FCC web presence on AHC Resource Hub:** Professor Krichbaum noted that progress continues to be made on the AHC FCC having a web presence on the AHC Resource Hub (AHC website). Hopefully, the AHC FCC's page on this site will go live by the end of the year.
4. **Health Sciences Education Center:** Next, Professor Krichbaum said she created a PowerPoint presentation for her faculty to keep them informed about the progress being made on the new Health Sciences Education Center. She noted that this slide deck was attached to the agenda. The Health Sciences Education Center plan will be presented to the Board of Regents on December 9th, and construction is expected to start in November 2017, pending funding. Professor Krichbaum said that she would send members the latest floor-by-floor diagrams, which they can share with their colleagues.

Professor Panoskaltis-Mortari asked if the new building would contain research space. No, said Professor Krichbaum, the focus of this building is education/learning although there will be a learning space that will have a wet lab.

In response to a question from Professor Drewes about who is planning/designing this new facility, Professor Krichbaum explained that multiple parties are involved, e.g., architect/design firm, faculty, administrators. She went on to name some of the people involved in this endeavor, and provided a further description of the types of spaces that will be housed in this new facility.

5. **Student Mental Health:** Professor Krichbaum briefly mentioned the *Red Folder*, a resource for faculty and staff who have students in distress/struggling with mental illness. Members should have access to these resources, and, if not, she suggested they ask their associate dean or student service office to distribute this information.

6. **Thank you to UMD administrators and faculty:** Professor Krichbaum said that she and Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, will craft a thank you to Duluth administrators and faculty who hosted the AHC FCC when they visited the campus on October 11. She said she wants to make sure that the Duluth participants know that the AHC FCC shared the issues that were raised with Dr. Jackson.

Professor Drewes noted that since the AHC FCC visited Duluth in October, there have been additional requests from faculty, which include:

- Having graduate appointments in neuroscience and pharmacology.
- Broadcasting the regular neuroscience and pharmacology seminars to faculty in Duluth. Due to the inadequate technology in Nils Hasselmo Hall (NHH 2-101), these seminars are currently not available to Duluth faculty.

Committee members went on to talk about how some AHC seminars are broadcast while others are not. At times it seems as if only after senior administrators get involved, do seminars get broadcast; this needs to be a priority for all the AHC schools. Professor Krichbaum said the AHC FCC will continue to raise this issue with Dr. Jackson. She also suggested that Professors Panoskaltis-Mortari, and Sarafoglou bring this issue to the attention of the Medical School Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) - <http://hub.med.umn.edu/faculty-affairs/faculty-governance>.

Professor Drewes noted that he is aware that there are places in the Medical School that do not want graduate programs to be expanded to Duluth, or, in other words, they do not want faculty in Duluth to have a student. The reasons seem to be twofold:

- The Twin Cities puts a lot of resources into recruiting students to their programs, and, if these students go to Duluth, it is viewed as a loss or waste of resources.
- There is the perception in the Twin Cities that students that go to Duluth are not in an environment where they will be able to get the full Medical School/AHC experience.

Professor Drewes said he and other Duluth faculty would argue against these reasons. Duluth faculty believe that it is quality, not quantity, that matters. Environment, including personal attention, is important, and environment can be expanded to be tailored to the individual.

7. **Dean search for the College of Pharmacy:** Professor Tretyakova shared information about the College of Pharmacy dean search that is underway. She said she has heard anecdotally that there are faculty unhappy with how the search is being conducted, particularly as it relates to faculty having the opportunity to provide feedback as well as a lack of transparency about the process. To be clear, said Professor Tretyakova, she is not sure this sentiment is true of a majority of faculty in the College of Pharmacy, but this is what she has heard. Members suggested to Professor Tretyakova that she encourage her faculty colleagues to provide input to the search committee about the search process as well as the candidates. Committee members also talked about raising these concerns with Dr. Jackson when they meet with him next week.

8. **Agenda items for November 22, 2016 AHC FCC meeting with Dr. Jackson:** Professor Krichbaum asked members for their ideas for agenda items to discuss with Dr. Jackson when they meet with him next week. The following suggestions were mentioned:

- Update on November 17, 2016 Third Thursday.
- Hear Dr. Jackson’s perspective about the possible University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital merger with Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.
- Raise the issue of the continued technology problems between the campuses.
- Highlight the importance of faculty input into searches.
- Discuss concerns regarding the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) request for the names of faculty who do certain types of research. Requestors of this information should have to say why they want the information and what they plan to use it for. Providing this information could put faculty who do certain types of research at risk. Professor Krichbaum suggested bringing this concern to the Senate Research Committee as well as Academic Freedom and Tenure, which is currently working on the “Shield Amendment,” a proposed amendment to the MGDPA, which is a state law that controls how government data are collected, created, stored (maintained), used and released (disseminated).

9. **Change 12/20/16 AHC FCC meeting date:** Professor Krichbaum said the December AHC FCC meeting date is being changed from December 20 to December 13 so that the committee can meet prior to its December 14 morning meeting with Dr. Jackson and its joint meeting with the AHC SCC later that same afternoon.

10. **Adjournment:** Hearing no further business, Professor Krichbaum adjourned the meeting.

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