

Academic Health Center  
Faculty Consultative Committee  
January 10, 2008  
Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Lois Heller (chair), Barbara Brandt, Susan Berry, Peter Davies, Brian Isetts, Paul Olin, and Cheryl Robertson

In these Minutes { Academy of Excellence for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning criteria, Next Faculty Forum, Third Thursdays, and a Report from the Finance and Planning chair }

Professor Heller opened the meeting and then turned it over to Dr. Brandt for a discussion on the criteria for the Academy for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Vice President Brandt said that in thinking about the criteria for the Academy of Excellence in Teaching and Learning she has also been thinking about how these criteria fit into reviewing dossiers for promotion and tenure (P&T). She added that the work being done in the area of teaching scholarship has implications for all areas of the field of education.

Vice President Brandt said she has received questions related to the definition of faculty and who is eligible to be nominated. Professor Heller noted that the definition of faculty in the call to nominations is intended to be broad and inclusive. Vice President Brandt said the question of who is meant by the term faculty is something the AHC needs to take a look at, with an eye toward having a consistent definition across colleges.

Vice President Brandt distributed her notes on Academy criteria and the committee engaged in a discussion the following questions:

- How are scholarly publications defined?
- What is meant by national or international impact to teaching and learning?
- What is the role of assessment and evaluation?
- Has the nominee demonstrated assessment, reflection, and change in their practice and other work?

The committee then turned to the question of whether the February 22 nomination deadline for the Academy of Excellence for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning allows enough time for nominations to be put forth. Professor Krichbaum first announced the Academy at the May 18, 2007 session of the Best Practice Institute. Since that time there have been posters strategically placed across the AHC campus and an announcement was sent out by mail. Vice President Brandt will continue to promote nominations and will raise this at the Deans' Council meeting on January 24th.

The committee discussed examples of people who meet the stated nomination criteria. Vice President Brandt has observed significant growth in the discipline of teaching scholarship during the last several years. She expects that the discipline will continue to expand and draw new scholars. She believes there are several very good examples of people who would meet the Academy criteria here at the University. Both she and Professor Heller support further review of the Academy criteria at an upcoming meeting.

The committee then discussed the design for the Academy of Excellence for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning award. It was decided the design for the Academy of Excellence in Health Science would also be used for the Academy of Excellence for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Professor Heller then called for approval of the December meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. Professor Heller went on to lead discussion about the next AHC faculty forum. She and Professor Davies are

working on posting a survey that would collect input from faculty about the next forum. Professor Berry asked for feedback on the idea of interdisciplinary research as a topic for the forum. Several people supported further consideration of this subject. Professor Heller suggested holding the forum from 12-4pm. She said this would allow lunch to be served as well as build in some social time following the forum. She hopes that meeting later in the day may draw more people to attend.

Professor Heller then reviewed the schedule for third Thursday's. She will contact Professors Mary Story and Russell Luepker at the School of Public Health about hosting the January event. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- February -The School of Nursing, Cheryl Robertson
- March - The School of Veterinary Medicine, Peter Davies
- April - The College of Pharmacy, Brian Isetts
- May - The School of Dentistry, Paul Olin

Professor Olin then provided an update on the December University Finance and Planning meeting.

- He discussed a report from the Ad Hoc New Budget Model Committee. The report states that Deans and Department heads generally expressed unhappiness with the new budget model and distrust of the decision process at the next higher level. The report goes on to say that more specific concerns include the model not providing incentives to use resources effectively or save money, despite the fact that such incentives are stated as a purpose of the model. A primary reason for the lack of incentives is the lack of mechanisms to assure resource responsibility centers (RRC) may hold onto savings without reduction to state appropriations. A secondary reason is little is known about the principles, priorities, or process of reallocation. This creates a lack of transparency at a level of great financial impact. Finally the report finds the main problem with University budgeting to be the attempt to do too much with too little money. This is not viewed as the fault of this or any other budget model.
- Professor Olin said the University Police reviewed public safety on campus. A detailed quarterly crime report is published by the department and posted on-line. The number of officers serving the University area has increased by eleven since the September 11, 2001 attack. Two additional bomb dogs have also been brought on to serve the force.
- The affordable housing stock around the campus is reported to be dwindling with much of the older housing stock falling to serious levels of disrepair. The state legislature allocated \$750, 000 for a study of the problem and proposed solutions.

Professor Heller finished by saying that the large classroom building discussed at the November FCC meeting is still slated for demolition. FCC members continue to express concern about the decision to demolish the building without further discussion.

Professor Heller then adjourned the meeting.

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