

[In these minutes: Discussion with Frank Cerra and Committee Business for the year]

## **ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC)**

### **MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1999**

**5:00 - 6:00**

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**PRESENT:** Bruce Trimble (chair), Resa Jones.

**REGRETS:** Emily Irwin, Heather McCurdy.

**ABSENT:** Gina Lee.

**GUESTS:** Frank Cerra.

Bruce Trimble, chair, called to order the first meeting of the AHC SCC for 1999-00 academic year. He then turned to Dr. Frank Cerra, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and asked him to comment on the role of the SCC. Dr. Cerra began by talking about the importance of the student consultative process. He went on to say that he has had a very positive working relationship with the past student consultative committees and looks forward to working with this years' committee. Dr. Cerra explained that he was very open about projects the SCC might want to take on. In the past, the students have brought issues to him. If the issue is school specific, Dr. Cerra may take it up with the dean of that particular college. When an issue pertains to the entire AHC, Dr. Cerra might suggest that the committee focus on it as their project. Some of the projects the students worked on in the past include: curriculum issues, class rooms, student website, the mini medical school, and CHIPS.

The goal, Dr. Cerra said, is for the administration to get input from the student body and to help students understand governance. Just as the students might bring issues to Dr. Cerra, he said that he would also be bringing issues to the students. He cited interscholastic education as an example of what he might ask for their input. He further suggested that the student email system and study space be looked at again.

Mr. Trimble interjected that from his viewpoint the communication in the schools ought to be improved. He then talked about the difficulty in obtaining listserves outside of the student's respective school/college. Mr. Trimble identified other issues that he thought the SCC might consider. These include: Web page development within each school/college; study-space; loss of clinical faculty in dentistry; and technology.

Dr. Cerra pointed out that resources are available to fix some of these issues and he expects that this will happen in the near future. With respect to technology, Dr. Cerra stated that there is an AHC-wide group looking into technology issues and that there are AHC guidelines for technology. The AHC supports IBM. Mac versus IBM is a visceral issue, Dr. Cerra acknowledged. Mr. Trimble then spent some time discussing the problems faced by some students with respect to technology available to them in their school/college.

Dr. Cerra suggested that the SCC meet and decide what the top three issues are. School specific issues can be often dealt with at the dean level, he said, and then encouraged the SCC to look at projects that might benefit students across the AHC.

Next, some time was spent talking about "housekeeping" items.

- It is important to hold a meeting with as many members present as possible.
- Late afternoon meetings (5-6 p.m.) seem to work for most students. Becky Hippert will work with the SCC members and Kathy Anderson in Dr. Cerra's office to determine a monthly meeting date/time. Tuesdays do not work for Mr. Trimble. A meeting schedule should be developed for the remainder of this academic year.
- The SCC will meet for the first half of the meeting and then Dr. Cerra will join them.
- Becky Hippert will continue to work on filling the remainder of the student positions on the committee. Representatives from the School of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, and UMD Medical School are needed.

- It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting be approved via email.
- Vickie Courtney and Becky Hippert will work together to set up a time for the chair of the SCC to meet with the chair of the AHC Faculty Consultative Committee.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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