

**ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(AHC-SCC)
February 10, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting**

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[**In these minutes:** Medical School Overview; April Agenda]

PRESENT: Jeff Theismann, chair; Morgan Mensick; Sarah Bahler; Katie Thibert; Nicholas Schuler; Sarah Haerle; Katie Ask; Jamie Dean; Chad Mickelson; Madeleine Otis; Courtney Wood; Brian Broderson

REGRETS: Sarah Bahler

ABSENT: Crosby Tindal; Javi Monandez; Sydney Schlieff

GUESTS: Dr. Brooks Jackson, vice president for health sciences and dean, Medical School

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Medical School Overview: Jeff Theismann, chair, convened the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves. He then welcomed Dr. Brooks Jackson, vice president for health sciences and dean, Medical School, to share updates from the Academic Health Center.

Jackson opened by saying that AHC facilities, inter-professional education, and new technologies were the focus of the legislative Blue Ribbon Commission recommendation to the governor last year. The legislature gave \$10 million in planning money for updated facilities to the University last year, he added, and this year's capital request was for \$100 million. Jackson said that the governor came out with his budget a few weeks ago, and this request was in the governor's budget. He said that it still has to be approved by the Senate and the House, and that March 8 is the next legislative session. There is a lot of demand for capital requests, cautioned Jackson, so approval is still a challenge, but the fact the governor approved the funding is promising. He believed that Senate approval seems likely, but the House will be more challenging.

Jackson said that the plan is to tear down the Old Masonic Cancer Center and VFW buildings, build a new structure, and four or five stories of the Phillips-Wangensteen Building (PWB) would be renovated and connected to the new building. The new ambulatory care center opens later this month, so many offices will be moving out of PWB, he said.

Research and education will stay in that PWB area, said Jackson. Mayo is scheduled to be torn down around 2023 or so, and clinical activities would be pushed more down near Huron and Harvard. The plan is to build a new hospital and clinical research center in 10-15 years, he added, and the University has been buying land in that area in preparation for this.

Jackson said they decided to add a new building rather than renovate an old building because it was the least disruptive option. Theismann asked about lobbying opportunities for students; he wanted to know if working with the University government relations people would be helpful.

Jackson replied that an email campaign would be valuable, and he would make certain Theismann got names and contact information for students to email. Jackson added that the planning team had lots of student and faculty input and they think they have arrived at a good plan. He said that until the University actually gets the money they will not know for certain what the design will be, but they have some good models that serve all the schools, with the exception of veterinary medicine.

Jackson then said that the Grand Challenges have been finalized and that for the Academic Health Center, the deans have decided to focus on aging. They are actively recruiting leaders in the biology of aging and on healthy aging, and the work will involve all the schools. For example, he said, public health may focus on health care policy issues, biochemistry would be involved in biomedical pathways, and nursing in issues such as how to help elderly individuals live more easily in rural communities. He said that the number of people over 65 will double in Minnesota in the next 60 years and that about 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day.

Jackson then provided an update on tuition: He has asked the University and the state to keep tuition flat. He believes, however, that there will likely be a 2% increase again for some of the schools, while dentistry might expect more than that. Out of state tuition will go up even more. He stated that Medical School tuition has been flat for the fourth year in a row. The school used to be the most expensive public medical school in the country and now is the 21st most expensive. Their goal is to land at around the 40th spot, and that tuition increases are up to the deans of various programs to some extent. Jackson added that in dentistry, they are trying to cut costs as much as possible, and bring in more patients to provide more revenue.

In response to a question about how the MNHealth and Fairview merger might affect students, Jackson responded that he thought it would provide more opportunities for all of the AHC. He added that it would offer more options for students hoping to take rotations in their elective areas. For instance, he knew of dermatologists who would have more openings for third and fourth-year students.

Jackson then said that a for-profit osteopathic school is opening in Gaylord, MN, and that these students might take open slots around the state. The school, he stated, is in the process of trying to get accredited. They have been to every hospital or clinical system in the area and he said they have had some success with small town hospitals.

Theismann then thanked Jackson for his time.

3. April Agenda: Theismann asked if anyone had ideas for the April meeting agenda. Nicholas Schuler proposed having Kyle Kroll visit the committee in his role as president of the Professional Student Government (PSG). Theismann agreed to contact Kroll and then suggested a conversation about student involvement in Advocacy Day. He added that so much focus and interest is placed on the undergraduate involvement in Support the U day, but perhaps students at the graduate level should become more involved in their roles as advocates.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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