SUNY Downstate Medical Center
CENTERWIDE COMMITTEE
of the Faculty and Professional Staff
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, October 23, 2013
3:00 PM – 3:55 PM

Attending: Presiding Officer Elect & University Faculty Senator Stephan Rinnert, MD; Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions Farhad Haeri, DPT; Presiding Officer Elect, College of Health Related Professions Angela Griffin, DPT; Presiding Officer, School of Graduate Studies Katherine Perkins, PhD; Presiding Officer, School of Public Health Daniel Ehlke, PhD; University Faculty Senator Virginia Anderson, MD; University Faculty Senator Henry Flax, Ed.D.

Unable to Attend: Presiding Officer Miriam Vincent, M.D., Secretary & University Faculty Senator Kathleen Powderly, PhD; Recording Secretary Migdalia Gaston; Presiding Officer, College of Medicine Rauno Joks, MD; Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine Allen Norin, PhD; Presiding Officer, College of Nursing Veronica Arikian, PhD; Presiding Officer, School of Public Health Daniel Ehlke, PhD.

In the absence of the President, President Elect and Secretary, Henry Flax welcomed those in attendance; all members introduced themselves to the body.

Review of Minutes of previous meeting
There were no minutes to review at this meeting.

Election Results:
Henry Flax shared the results of the 2013 SUNY Downstate Centerwide Elections held from 12 noon, August 7, 2013 to 12 noon, August 21, 2013. There were a total number of 202 voters (24.1% of 839 total eligible voters).

Centerwide Committee - Presiding Officer
163 total voters (10 write-in votes for assorted other candidates)

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<td>Miriam T. Vincent, M.D, PhD, JD. - Family Medicine:</td>
<td>153 votes</td>
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Centerwide Committee - Presiding Officer Elect (2-year term of office)
36 total voters (vote for 1)

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Centerwide Committee - Secretary (2-year term of office)
33 total voters (vote for 1)

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189 total voters (vote for 8)

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<td>Virginia Anderson, MD - Pathology</td>
<td>131 votes (69.3%)</td>
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<td>Henry Flax, Ed.D. - Pathology</td>
<td>139 votes (73.5%)</td>
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<td>Kathleen Powderly, CNM, PhD - Humanities</td>
<td>145 votes (76.7%)</td>
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<td>Stephan Rinnert, MD - Emergency Medicine</td>
<td>155 votes (82.0%)</td>
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Centerwide Committee - Presiding Officer Elect (2-year term of office) (36 write in votes; only 3 candidates earned 2 votes each. The other 30 votes were spread among 30 different candidates):

2 Henry Flax
2 Holt, Roger
2 Stephan Rinnert

Henry Flax and Roger Holt were not able to participate in a run-off election; Stephan Rinnert agreed to serve.

Centerwide Committee - Secretary (2-year term of office) (33 write in votes; only 2 candidates earned 2 or more votes each. The other 28 votes were spread among 28 different candidates):

3 Kathleen Powderly
2 Stephan Rinnert

Kathleen Powderly agreed to serve.

Centerwide Committee - Four Alternate Senators to the State University of New York Faculty Senate (3-year term of office). Those four candidates who receive the most votes will assume positions as senators; the candidates who receive the fifth to eighth place number of votes will be seated as alternate senators (24 write in votes; only 3 candidates earned 2 or more votes each.):

4 Conyers, Gregory
3 Benker, Karen
2 Nellie Bailey, Ed.D, RN

Karen Benker declined her election; Nellie Bailey failed to respond. Greg Conyers will be our only alternate Senator until the next election.

Old Business:

By-laws update and review – Henry Flax discussed the status of the by-laws revisions that occurred last spring. We need to complete this work at our next meeting.

Constituent Reports:

1. College of Health Related Professions Report  Dr. Haeri reported that, as per the Dean of CHRP, business is as usual. There are no accreditation visits scheduled. The College has met its 2013 admissions goals. CHRP is moving to an online admissions system. College committees are meeting on a regular basis. Dr. Anderson requested Dr. Haeri to share application and enrollment numbers for CHRP at our next meeting.
2. **College of Nursing Report** - no representative; no report.

3. **College of Medicine Report** - no representative; no report.

4. **School of Graduate Studies**  Dr. Perkins reported that the School held its election in July 2013. Two of the three program directors are new *:
   * Molecular & Cellular Biology – Richard Kollmer
   * Neural & Behavioral Science - Steven Fox
Biomedical Engineering – Subrata Saha
The school has experienced smaller enrollment due to funding cuts for graduate student stipends (6 students admitted in 2013 vs. 10 in 2012).
There have been curricular changes to the NBS program – it no longer uses the MS1 Neuroscience block for its students. The neuroanatomy laboratory is “piggy-backing” with the CHRP PT neuroanatomy lab. For 2014-2015, the School of Graduate Studies will return to the new College of Medicine Unit 6 curriculum. The biochemistry course is to include Cell Biology and Molecular Biology content. Dr. Haeri noted that the summer DPT course will offer Biomechanics to PT students.

5. **School of Public Health Report** - no representative; no report.

6. **Senators’ Report** – both Dr. Rinnert and Dr. Flax provided an overview and appeal for support of the Senate to the Centerwide Committee. Henry Flax reviewed highlights of the Fall Plenary held at SUNY Maritime College, October 24-26, 2013. The agenda and resolutions of the plenary are available on the UFS website. ([http://www.suny.edu/facultySenate/maritime2013.cfm](http://www.suny.edu/facultySenate/maritime2013.cfm))
In addition, the Health Sciences sector is appended to these minutes (see attached). Dr. Flax was elected unanimously to serve as the sector head for the 2013-2014 academic years. The Centerwide Committee discussed the UFS standing committees, Campus Governance Leader notes and the status of the Alternate Senator position.

**New Business: Centerwide Issues**

**Parking Deck status** – Virginia Anderson, MD
Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was postponed to the December 5, 2013 meeting.

**Next Meeting**: Thursday, December 5, 2013 – 4:00 PM, Family Practice Conference Room (BSB, 1-115). The Committee discussed meeting monthly on the first Thursday of each month going forward. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Flax, Ed.D.