## SUNY Downstate Medical Center EXECUTIVE (Centerwide) COMMITTEE of the Faculty and Professional Staff Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, February 9, 2015 4:00 PM – 5:00PM

### Attending:

Presiding Officer	Stephan Rinnert, MD
Secretary & University Faculty Senator	Henry Flax, EdD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Health Related Professions	Kenneth Martinucci, MS
Presiding Officer, College of Nursing	Veronica Arikian, PhD, RN
Presiding Officer, School of Graduate Studies	Nicholas Penington, PhD
Presiding Officer, School of Public Health	Daniel Ehlke, PhD
Unable to Attend:	
Past Presiding Officer & University Faculty Senator	Miriam Vincent, MD, PhD, JD
Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions	Angela Griffin, PT, PhD
Presiding Officer, College of Medicine	Allen Norin, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine	Clinton Brown, MD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Nursing	Nancy Giordano, EdD, WHNP
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Graduate Studies	John Kubie, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Public Health	Paul Landsbergis, PhD, EdD, MPH
University Faculty Senator	Kathleen Powderly, PhD
University Faculty Senator	Helen Durkin, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Virginia Anderson, MD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Mathew Foley, MD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Farhad Haeri, DPT
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Steven Kang, MD
Recording Secretary	Migdalia Gaston

### **Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Dr. Ehlke moved, Dr. Penington seconded, the approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2014 and January 12, 2015 as amended; motion carried.

# **Constituent Reports:**

**The College of Health Related Professions** – Mr. Martinucci responded to Dr. Rinnert's January query about the number of faculty in CHRP. There are 23 full-time and 14 part-time faculty members in CHTRP. Dr. Pamela Sass, Interim Dean of the College of Medicine, met with the CHRP Faculty Assembly regarding the new COM curriculum. Dr. Margaret Kaplan, Interim Dean of CHRP, has recently returned from Lebanon. On February 12, 2015, the CHRP Faculty Assembly will be meeting with President Williams.

**The College of Medicine** – Dr. Flax reported on behalf of Dr. Norin. The COM Executive Committee has little to report this month, other than our Assembly was held at the same time as the Centerwide Assembly on January 28, 2015. All of the committees are functioning and the COM Executive Committee did not have its regular monthly meeting the first Monday of the month due to the weather.

**The College of Nursing** – Dr. Arikian reported that the first time board pass rate for the undergraduate Accelerated Nursing program was 96.36%. The national mean was 81.79% and the New York State mean was 76.76%. The Nurse Anesthesia program has a 94% pass rate; the FNP program 88% whereas the national mean is 84%. Dr. Shirley Girouard, the new Associate Dean for Research & Innovations, is actively pursuing statewide partnerships in the areas of research. Dr. Arikian asked if we should invite her to participate in a Centerwide Committee meeting. Dr. Rinnert agreed that it would be good to have her attend. Dr. Girouard is involved in gerontology research with another faculty member at the medical center, outside of CON.

Dr. Arikian reported that she had contacted Jim Neill to discuss software options for online course work. Jim suggested online streaming via Adobe Presenter. Jim is to provide a tutorial to the CON faculty. Dr. Penington noted that Blackboard is available to faculty.

Dr. Flax provided an update on the University Faculty Senate Health Science Sector discussions about the online nursing programs offered at other SUNY colleges.

**The School of Graduate Studies** – Dr. Penington reported that a survey of the faculty is underway regarding increasing graduate student stipends from \$27,500 per person to \$30,000 (N=125). There is a problem with MD/PhD candidates committing to our programs. Evidently, the Admissions Committee has not been timely in its decision-making. Interviewing candidates is now conducted much earlier in the cycle (currently in progress, rather than in April / May as in years past). Dr. Arikian questioned whether the understaffed Admissions Office is a problem. Dr. Penington responded that the issue was graduate school faculty waiting for COM faculty to complete their admissions review, then sharing the candidates' files with SGS for MD/PhD review. The SGS is dependent on the fit of each student to funded research areas to be successful.

**The School of Public Health** – Dr. Rinnert spoke about existing Global Health options (e.g., the Ecuador program) and the need to expand options with sister SUNY institutions. There is a need for the Centerwide Committee to bring this issue to President Williams. Dr. Arikian asked about the School of Public Health's activities in the area of global health. Dr. Ehlke reported on the Global Health Pathway, an online program, that does not include international travel. The Global Health elective for medical students does include travel. Dr. Rinnert noted that there have been problems with collaboration between the COM and the SPH. Dr. Ehlke noted that SPH faculty has worked in Vietnam, South Africa and other locales. Dr. Arikian cited NYU and Columbia examples in the area of global health. Dr. Rinnert noted SUNY's affiliation with higher education institutions in Turkey. Emory University hosts a global health competition (nursing and health professions students are included). The Mellon Foundation funds the prizes. Dr. Rinnert encouraged the presiding officers to bring this issue to their faculty assemblies to gauge the level of interest in global health across schools.

### **University Faculty Senate Report**

Dr. Powderly had reported on the 169th Plenary meeting of the SUNY University Faculty Senate held at Farmingdale State College, January 22-24, 2015 at the Centerwide Assembly meeting held January 28, 2015. At the same meeting, Dr. Flax had shared information regarding the Health Science Sector meeting, its questions to the Chancellor and her responses. There was no further discussion.

#### **Old Business**

By-laws Update – Dr. Flax has been able to have the PDF of our By-laws on our web site converted to a Word document by John Zubrovich, Biomedical Communications. Dr. Flax can now enter the updates quickly and will have a final document to share with the body at its March 2015 meeting.

January 28 Centerwide Assembly – the body was glad that President Williams answered the questions he received from the Centerwide Committee, but disappointed that he did not provide a full President's Report as the By-laws stipulate.

#### New Business

-Global Health Initiatives – see discussion under the School of Public Health report above.
- Campus announcements – the micro-management of having announcements reviewed by the COO is an impediment to effective campus communications. Dr. Rinnert to address with President Williams.
- Centerwide Elections – Dr. Flax plans to run for senator in the spring so he cannot chair the Elections Committee or supervise the elections. Presiding Officers of the colleges/schools will share the names of their Elections and/or Nominations Committees chairs, from whom a committee will be formed to manage our elections.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Ehlke moved to adjourn, Dr. Penington seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Henry S. Flax, Ed.D., Secretary