

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
EXECUTIVE (Centerwide) COMMITTEE of the Faculty and Professional Staff
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2017
4:00 PM – 5:00PM

Attending:

Presiding Officer & University Faculty Senator	Rauno Joks, MD
Presiding Officer Elect	Nicholas Penington, PhD
Past Presiding Officer	Stephan Rinnert, MD
Secretary	Raavi Gupta, MD
Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions	Margaret Kaplan, PhD, OTR/L
Presiding Officer, College of Nursing	Patricia DiFusco, MS, FNP-BC
Presiding Officer, School of Graduate Studies	John Kubie, PhD
Presiding Officer, School of Public Health	Paul Landsbergis, PhD, EdD, MPH
University Student Assembly	Sachaloraine Volcy
University Student Assembly	Andrew Hasenzahl
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Health Related Professions	Brigitte Desport, DPS, ATP, OTR/L

Unable to Attend:

Presiding Officer, College of Medicine	Clinton Brown, MD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine	Haseeb Siddiqi, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Graduate Studies	Katherine Perkins PhD
University Faculty Senator	Helen Durkin, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Farhad Haeri, DPT
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Nursing	TBD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Public Health	Aimee Atable-Munsuz
University Faculty Senator	Miriam Vincent, MD, PhD, JD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Virginia Anderson, MD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Steven Kang, MD

Centerwide Presiding Officer elect, Dr. Penington opened the meeting. Two Student representatives Dr. Volcy and Dr. Hasenzahl were introduced as new members of the Centerwide committee.

Dr. Landsbergis updated the members on the patient safe handling committee, that he had contacted Dr. Islam if he knew the composition of a new patient safe handling committee. Dr. Islam was not familiar with it but has agreed to find out more about it and inform Dr. Landsbergis.

College of Nursing updated on the search of the new Dean. They have just interviewed the 3rd candidate under the chairmanship of Dr. La Rosa. The new dean is expected to start by May 31st, 2017.

Dr. Joks joined the meeting and updated the committee on the report that he is preparing for Central SUNY which will identify cross specialty training available to undergraduates and graduate students in various schools at Downstate.

Dr. Rinnert noted that the new President's transition team does not include Dr. Stewart and Dr. Pato and that Dr. Joks could bring it up in his meeting with the president.

CHIRP: Dr. Kaplan stated that their school is struggling to find more classroom space for an expanding CHIRP student body. The School of Public Health has advocated buying ergonomic computer desks and chairs for the new academic building.

The By-laws are in the process of being reviewed by Dr. Rinnert and Dr. Penington. They plan to bring it to the committee in the next meeting before getting a vote from the faculty.

The members discussed help for students of the 7-countries that the White House have identified to cancel visas. It was decided to send a letter to the Deans to identify a contact person in each school who can help the students in need of counselling.

Respectfully submitted,

Raavi Gupta, M.D.
Secretary