

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
EXECUTIVE (Centerwide) COMMITTEE of the Faculty and Professional Staff
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, December 08, 2014
4:00 PM – 5:00PM

Attending:

Presiding Officer	Stephan Rinnert, MD
Past Presiding Officer & University Faculty Senator	Miriam Vincent, MD, PhD, JD
Secretary & University Faculty Senator	Henry Flax, EdD
Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions	Angela Griffin, PT, PhD
Presiding Officer, College of Medicine	Allen Norin, PhD
Presiding Officer, College of Nursing	Veronica Arikian, RN
Presiding Officer, School of Public Health	Daniel Ehlke, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Mathew Foley, MD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Farhad Haeri, DPT
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Steven Kang, MD

Unable to Attend:

Presiding Officer Elect, College of Health Related Professions	Kenneth Martinucci, MS
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine	Clinton Brown, MD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Nursing	Sandra Maldonado, RN
Presiding Officer, School of Graduate Studies	Nicholas Penington, PhD
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	Helen Durkin, PhD
University Faculty Senator	Kathleen Powderly, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Virginia Anderson, MD
Recording Secretary	Migdalia Gaston

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Daniel Ehlke moved, Steven Kang seconded the approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2014; motion carried. The minutes were adopted as submitted.

Presiding Officer's Report:

Dr. Rinnert advised the group that his meeting with President Williams was pleasant. Key points from the meeting include:

Faculty governance representation on the search committees for the Dean, College of Medicine, includes Rauno Joks, and for the Dean, College of Health Related Professions, Angela Griffin.

Provost's Office

Dr. Rinnert advised the body that he had met with Dr. Susan Phillips, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, for two hours during which time he invited Dr. Phillips to meet with the committee at our December 8, 2014 meeting. Dr. Phillips has been charged to create a Provost's Office at Downstate to supervise the academic deans in the areas of education and philosophy. The deans will report to Ms. Bain-Dowell, Chief Operating Officer (COO), regarding the administrative aspects of running the schools. The President wants a team that includes the Provost (to handle the academic side of the enterprise), the COO (to handle the administration and finance of the educational enterprise), and the CEO of the hospital (to manage UHB). This will permit the president to provide the political face of Downstate and handle fund-raising. The plan is to hire a provost by mid-2015. Stephan Rinnert said that Dr. Phillips is "fact finding" to build an office based on her learning about Downstate. Dr. Arikian questioned the relationship of Downstate with the University of Albany. After discussion regarding scheduling a meeting around Dr. Phillips' availability, it was agreed that the committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, to accommodate Dr. Phillips' schedule.

Faculty Development

Dr. Williams was pleased to learn that the Centerwide Committee had met with Dr. Merlino.

Parking Deck Status

Dr. Williams was asked for an update on the status of the garage. He responded that the garage is unsafe. He is working with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to build a pre-fabricated garage (10-12 stories high) on the site occupied by the Beneficial Lot (between Winthrop and Parkside Avenues). Dr. Flax asked Dr. Williams to have Public Safety advertise the availability of the shuttle service and to have our public relations staff advise faculty and staff of public transport options to reduce the strain on the existing parking facilities.

New Academic Building

Dr. Williams anticipates completion of the facility by Fall 2015 or Spring 2016. As the space was designed for large group education, it now needs to be redesigned for small group learning (no mention of who will spearhead that effort). Veronica Arikian stated that there needs to be an equitable assignment of space. Henry Flax suggested that the Centerwide Committee is the best vehicle for that. We should have a presentation of the floor plans and blueprints, then a “hard hat” tour of the new building.

Areas of Collaboration

President Williams was dismayed by the lack of participation in faculty governance. He suggested that we supply food at meetings to stimulate attendance. Stephan Rinnert suggested a lunch meeting to explain faculty governance to a wider audience. He will work with the Office of Faculty Development to organize such a meeting for February 2015.

Budget

Drs. Rinnert and Flax requested a budget of \$10,000 to support faculty governance. The money would be used primarily for University Faculty Senate travel (estimated cost \$7,000 – 4 senators, 3 plenary sessions per annum) and the remainder for sundry items. Dr. Williams agreed to fund the committee in this amount.

Collaboration with HHC – KCHC on DSRIP and Patient Provider Services (PPS)

Dr. Williams has been working with New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) President Ram Raju, M.D. to work out DSRIP issues. Mat Foley described PPS for the committee. Stephan Rinnert stated that Dr. Williams wants to unite those departments which have separate leadership across Clarkson Avenue with DMC taking academic leadership for both sides of the street.

Medical students need clinical placements and HHC space is occupied by offshore medical students. Williams said that New York, Florida, Ohio, Illinois and New Jersey are the only states that allow offshore placements in their hospitals. Dr. Williams is working with New York state politicians to forbid such placements in New York. Miriam Vincent noted extensive use of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center’s Family Medicine staff to teach offshore medical students. Stephan Rinnert stated that we need to support Dr. Williams in his efforts on this topic. To whom should we write letters?

Graduate Medical Education (GME)

Stephan Rinnert raised the issue of our four GME programs currently on ACGME probation with the President. These include Family Medicine, Hematology-Oncology, Orthopedics and Radiation Oncology. Miriam Vincent noted that Astra Bain-Dowell and Margaret Jackson are working with KCHC to address the resident’s concerns at that institution.

Faculty Governance Website

Stephan Rinnert displayed the updated webpage for the committee to see. It was suggested that we add a paragraph to the page to provide an overview of the role of faculty governance.

Centerwide Meeting of the Faculty & Professional Staff

Dr. Norin will be meeting with Linda Corby tomorrow to establish the date for the next Centerwide and College of Medicine Faculty & Professional Staff meeting with the president and deans in January 2015. The Centerwide Committee wants to participate as in the past.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the remainder of the agenda was suspended. It will be resumed following the meeting with Dr. Phillips on December 16, 2014.

Constituent Reports:

University Faculty Senate Report:

Old Business:

By-laws update and review

New Business: Centerwide Issues

Parking Deck Elevators – loss of service affects Persons with Mobility issues.

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2014 – 3:00 PM,
Conference Room (BSB, room 7-1).**

Dr. Foley moved to adjourn; Dr. Kang seconded the motion; meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Flax, Ed.D.