

SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
Faculty & Professional Staff Assembly  
Meeting of June 17, 2015

Report of the Presiding Officer

Dr. Rinnert stated that the President was not able to attend today's meeting. He stated that it was a productive year. Dr. Rinnert stated that the minutes are online. There are nominations for positions on the Center Wide Committee. The Centerwide Committee has invited the following to its meetings during the past year - Dr. Phillips, Dr. Girouard, Dr. Stewart, and Dr. Merlino to voice their concerns. Dr. Rinnert stated that he spoke to the President on a number of issues that were discussed at previous meetings.

- 1) Global Health-There was a discussion about creating a Global Health Initiative at Downstate, but it turned out that the colleges and schools are participating in Global Health. Dr. Rinnert stated that it would be a great idea to have an Office of Global Health. He brought the idea to Dr. Williams and the president was very responsive to the idea. Dr. Rinnert stated that he does not know if the follow-up was made but hopefully it will happen in the future.
- 2) Campus Culture-Dr. Rinnert stated that there will be a conference between residents and their department regarding a survey in which the residents gave negative feedback regarding their departments.
- 3) Dr. Rinnert stated that Dr. Williams would look into a Vice-President of Research. He stated that, hopefully, this person would work with all of the colleges.
- 4) Social Media - Dr. Rinnert stated that residents posted on Facebook inflammatory things about SUNY Downstate. He said that he spoke to Dr. Williams and he will ask Dorothy Fyfe to create a policy. Dr. Rinnert will follow up on that.
- 5) Off shore Medical Students-Dr. Rinnert stated that off shore medical students compete with SUNY Downstate students for the use of clinical site space. He spoke to the President to work with the state to curb that.

Questions that have been raised but not answered

- 1) LICH Debt - Who is going to pay for it?
- 2) Departure of Pitts Management - Pitts Management personnel will depart SUNY Downstate in December 2015. How is that going to affect SUNY Downstate?