

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
*MCG School of Dentistry*  
February 16, 2005

Present: Drisko, Weller, Kimbrough, Loushine, Schuster, Abebe, Lapp, Lewis, Messer, Mozaffari, Sharawy, Whitford, Guinn, Comer, Herman, Konzelman, E Pashley, Shroul, Braselton, Bouffard, Myers, Blalock, M Brackett, W Brackett, F Caughman, Chan, Frazier, G Hall, Hackman, Ivanhoe, Mackert, Nahon, Nelson, Plummer, Reuggeberg, Wataha, Smith, Sisk, Stockstill, Adair, C Hanes, Schafer, Rockman, P Hanes, Mailhot, Basquill, Gentry

1. Dr. Drisko held an election for a faculty member to serve, along with Dr. George Schuster, on the MCG Biomedical Research Council. Dr. Dan Chan, Department of Oral Rehabilitation, was elected. The charge for this council is attached to the original minutes.
2. Dr. Frank Caughman briefed the faculty on the Dental Faculty Practice discount policy. Dental Faculty have the option to discount their immediate family, as well as other dental faculty they treat, up to 100% of the fee but excluding lab fees. Dental employees may receive a 20% discount and MCG employees may receive a 10%. Dr. Caughman instructed faculty to write in the full amount and list the discount the patient is to receive in the comment section. Dr. Caughman will request that Dr. Pruett have a copy of the policy distributed.
3. Dr. Drisko presented a facility update and stated that Dr. Dan Rahn, MCG President, has been in contact with Board of Regents representatives and is gathering support for a new building. He stressed to the Regents that two individual feasibility studies have been completed by two different companies and that both recommend a new building, citing that renovating the current one would be the most expensive option, as well as requiring a reduction in student class size. The current structure would be renovated and programmed for reuse to serve other purposes for the campus. The new facility is being described as a healthcare facility to emphasize that this is a healthcare issue, not just a facility issue.
4. Dr. Drisko reiterated her comments on tolerance and civility that were emailed to all faculty, staff, students and residents earlier today. Since serving as dean, she has received reports citing intolerance of cultural, ethnic and religious differences. She stressed the importance of maintaining a friendly environment for all cultures, all ethnic backgrounds and all religions.
5. Dr. James Barenie has developed an idea and researched the possibility for the school to provide service to the community. He has contacted the managers of a flea market in South Augusta and has been granted two free booths for the school to provide free dental screenings. The students have agreed to take on this on as a community service project. It requires one faculty member (licensed in the State of Georgia) and one student from each class per weekend (Saturday 10-4, Sunday 12:30-4). Dr. Barenie and Dr. C Hanes are finalizing plans for implementation of this project with ASDA and SNDA.  
  
Dr. Hanes added that this project is an educational component for patients as well and asked that departments having patient education brochures donate those for the screening site.
6. Dr. Drisko announced that a feasibility study for fund raising is about to begin. The case statement will be reviewed prior to launching the campaign. Leaders throughout the state will be contacted, as well as faculty, foundations, organized dentistry, businesses and patients.
7. Dr. Carole Hanes announced that Graduation and Hooding are slated for Friday, May 13, 2005. She encouraged all faculty to participate.

8. Dr. Carol Lapp announced that the time to nominate the outstanding faculty member is near. Nomination requests will be sent in the near future.
9. A new brochure and logo are being considered for the Dental Faculty Practice. There is still potential for an additional practice site at Lake Oconee.
10. Dr. Drisko stated that budget season has begun and predicts that the budget should be more favorable this year than in recent years.
11. During the next few weeks, companies will be presenting new clinic management software systems. Quick Recovery was recently bought by another company not supporting the present use.