

Faculty Meeting Minutes
MCG School of Dentistry
March 16, 2005

Present: Drisko, Gentry, Schuster, Weller, Kimbrough, Dickinson, Lapp, Lewis, Sharawy, Volkmann, Konzelman, Guinn, E Pashley, W Brackett, Callan, Chan, Frazier, Haywood, Holmes, Lefebvre, Kiernan, Mackert, Basquill, Braselton, Bouffard, Weston, Rippert, Barenie,

1. Dr. Gary Holmes asked that nominations for MCG Executive Council committees, the Grievance Committee and the Nominating Committee, be submitted to him via email. Dr. Holmes will contact the nominees.
2. Dr Konzelman, our representative to the ADEA Council of Faculties, updated the faculty on some of the more pertinent activities at last week's meeting in Baltimore. Topics of interest included the Academy of Dental Educators [a task force is operating to found this Academy], the ADEA policy statement on National Clinical Licensure and Certification and an ADEA Resolution creating open membership for all faculty and students in dental education.
3. Dr. Drisko announced that MCG is in the final phase of establishing a campus wide Staff Advisory Council as a forum for communication between administration and non-faculty employees. She added that she plans to have a similar council within the School of Dentistry in the near future.
4. The Georgia Dental Association faxed legislation information on Peachcare. A copy of is attached to the original minutes. Dr. Drisko reminded faculty contacting representatives on this issue should do so as individual citizens and not as representatives of MCG; conducting the contact via personal phone and personal stationary.
5. Dr. Phil Baker has successfully completed board exams and is now a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontists. Dr. Dennis Kiernan and Dr. Cindy Jones have completed Part I of their specialty board exam.
6. Announcements:
 - Regenerative Medicine Faculty Search, chaired by Dr. George Schuster
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Chair Search, chaired by Dr. Carol Lefebvre & Dr. Brad Potter –
 - A national search firm will be secured to conduct both searches.
 - Dr. Allen Sisk will be retiring in April and Dr. Eric Rippert will retire shortly after Dr. Sisk.
 - Axium Group is the company chosen for the clinic operations system pending successful contract negotiations.
 - Dr. Baldev Singh is recovering very nicely from his recent successful surgery.
 - Dr. John Blalock's wife, Beth, delivered a baby boy this week.

7. Dr. Schuster announced that information is forthcoming regarding databases containing patient care and research elements. This information was emailed by Mr. Mark Staples, MCG campus IT Security Officer, and is attached to the original minutes.

8. Dr. Drisko and Dr. Callan attended an NIH Symposium and discovered that funding is available from various sources to support thesis projects. Dr. Drisko has the material for any faculty working on a PhD with an interest in the funding. Each source will have its own regulations for the funding. Dr. Schuster may also be contacted for details.

9. Dr. James Barenie stated that Oral Rehabilitation and Endodontics faculty are highly commended for the 100% pass rate on the SRTA crown preps and endo techniques. In addition Prosthodontic faculty are commended for the 98% pass on the written Prosthodontic exam.

10. Dr. Barenie announced that the flea market dental screening clinic was opened for the first weekend with terrific success. The students were exposed to a large diversity of dental issues. Referrals were made to MCG School of Dentistry, and some individuals were advised to report to the emergency room. The students demonstrated excitement for this new opportunity. The management of the Barnyard Flea Market has given much support for this effort. Faculty will be receiving a sign up sheet to reserve their time to serve on this project.

11. Dr. Drisko encouraged faculty to visit and view the renovations underway in the faculty practice clinic. An open house is slated to be held in conjunction with the upcoming Goldstein Lecture.