



Academic Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2006

Present: Callan, Treiber, Joseph, Miller M. Ballance, Tingen, Andrews J., Ash, Ginn, Andrews B., Blalock, Lewis, Tschanz for Lee, Kiernan, Hill, Caughman, Newton, Brigdon, Goldstein, Allred, Bollag, Salzer, Bennett for Marion, Drisko, Walls

I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Callan at 4:00 PM

II. Approval of Minutes May 18, 2006: The minutes were approved as submitted

III. Standing Committee Reports:

Faculty Governance: Mr. Bill Andrews

Mr. Andrews stated that he appreciated the excellent work Pam Cook had done as Chair of the Faculty Governance committee, and is honored to follow in her footsteps. The only pending issue for the Faculty Governance Subcommittee is to assure that the faculty was properly represented at all levels on the Faculty Appointment, Promotion, Tenure and Post-Tenure Subcommittee.

Scholarship & Standards, Dr. Barbara Kiernan

Dr. Kiernan reported that the Faculty Development Subcommittee has a conference call scheduled with Janet Bickel on August 23 to receive her final report and recommendations. The committee will present the final report to administration.

Strategies & Responsibilities, Dr. Deborah Lewis

Dr. Lewis reported that the Faculty Grievance Subcommittee will be electing a chair person for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Dr. Lewis reported that the Student Affairs Subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Kevin Frazier has plans to introduce new ideas and activities for the upcoming year.

III. Comments from Administration:

Dr. Rick Callan, Vice Chair:

Dr. Callan welcomed attendees. He reported that the Executive Committee had participated in a planning retreat and that his main goals for Academic Council this year will be 1) to increase awareness across campus of what Academic Council is and what services and value it offers to faculty and 2) to continue the momentum of Faculty Development to increase faculty retention and mentoring.

Dr. Michael Ash, VP for Administration:

Dr. Ash reported that the Cancer Research Center and the Health Sciences Building are now occupied. There are several new green spaces being developed across campus including the Betty Browning Tollison Reflection Garden.

Negotiations are currently underway to lease more parking spaces for the campus.

Fat Man's will be taking over food service in the Student Center and campus catering in the near future.

Dr. Mike Miller, VP, Enrolment and Student Services:

New director of student financial aid, Dr. Beverly Boggs from Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center

Part 1 of the SUCCESS Project is entering its final phase – Fall Semester 2006 will be MCG's first full term using the new student information system – named PULSE. PULSE is based on Sungard Higher Education's Banner student information system

New student health insurance program for 2006-07. Cost to students has been reduced from \$1,600 per year for 2005-06 to less than \$900 per year for 2006-07 due to replacement of institutional policy with policy for selected student groups in the entire University System of Georgia. Long term goal of the University System is to require health insurance coverage for all students.

For Fall 2005, we reached institutional enrollment goals and we considered our enrollment to be at capacity. Enrollment for Fall 2006 is projected to be slightly higher than Fall 2005, at 2,164, an increase of 1.5%. This increase represents new programs or small increases in class size – added capacity.

Since Fall 2001, enrollment has increased 11.6%

Ms. Beth Brigdon, VP Information Technology & Associate Provost

The IT Service Desk is now open in the Library for faculty, staff, and students. They are open from 7:30am - 7:30pm Monday-Friday. David Wardlaw is the Manager and would be happy to receive suggestions for enhancing this IT support function.

IT is working on how to add wireless internet access to the new green spaces on-campus resulting from some of the construction and demolition. If funding can be acquired, we will shoot for the Spring to make this available. This will enable us to finish another security enhancement project which will require users to login before they access the network to keep from providing internet access to the general public.

The final phase of the Banner implementation (PULSE) not only marks a major milestone for that student records system implementation, but also a major milestone in helping ensure that we protect our student's identities. As of Fall Term, MCG will no longer use the SSN as the student identification number.

A new video conferencing solution was implemented to enable the delivery of Nursing's new DNP program. This new system will allow us to bridge multiple sites in one conference, store materials for review later, and enable desktop & conference room "on-demand" video conferencing services (which will be available later this year). If you have any questions or interest in using the new system, feel free to contact Fran Omar or Doogie Howser.

Mr. R. Bryan Ginn, Jr., VP for External and Government Relations

Mr. Ginn highlighted legislative visits by state Representative Ben Harbin, Speaker Pro Tempore Mark Burkhalter, and Rep.-elect Barbara Sims to discuss the MCG "upward trajectory", health care in general and budget issues for MCG in General Assembly session ahead. MCG also was visited recently by Regent Felton Jenkins of Madison, a recent appointee by Governor Perdue

Mr. Ginn indicated that University Advancement is tracking many legislative study committees this summer and fall including those study efforts on state funding of trauma care, cervical cancer elimination, funding formula review committee for BOR and DTAE.

University Advancement will assist with the School of Dentistry building campaign and that the BOR had approved a request of \$5 million to begin design and engineering of this building. This request is on its way to the governor for consideration.

Mr. Ginn announced the President's Dinner to honor donors scheduled for November 4, 2006

A committee is being coordinated to address all aspects of taking the MCG enterprise into a tobacco-free environment.

University Advancement recent new hires as part of ongoing reorganization plan.

University Advancement is willing to work with Academic Council to meet its goals in communicating its initiatives to the campus community.

Mr. Andrew Newton, VP for Legal Affairs:

Mr. Newton introduced Richard Murphy and Anthony Hightower who have joined MCG office of legal affairs as senior legal advisers.

Mr. Newton asked the faculty to support the Faculty Spouse Club in their effort to welcome new faculty at the New Faculty Reception.

Dr. Frank Treiber, VP for Research & Associate Provost:

Dr. Treiber gave an overview of the past year.

IV. Other Business:

2006-2007 Budget Report: Dr. Callan gave a current budget report

Recognition of newly elected Academic Councilors: Dr. Callan recognized newly elected Academic Councilors for 2006-2007.

New Faculty Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion