

**Academic Council Meeting  
March 17, 2005**

**Minutes**

Present: Hill(Presiding), Brigdon, Huighes, Sridhar, Plummer, Jaffe, Devkota, Newton, Miller, Shaddix, Shipman, Ivanhoe, Rule, Goldstein, Kluger, Robinson, Ginn, Chamberlain, Lee

Guests: Caryl Brown, Patrick Walton, John Tidwell

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the December 16, 2004 meeting were approved.

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

**Faculty Governance: Ms. Cynthia Hughes, Chair**

**Nominations Committee:** Chair, Dr. Gary Holmes has reported to Ms. Hughes that the committee will be contacting each school and the Library for recommendations for the Academic Council Ballot.

**Faculty Evaluation of Administrators Task Force:** Chair, Dr. Andria Thomas gave a presentation of the updated on line evaluation tool. It was suggested that the Task Force add a section of questions be added for Deans and Chairs that pertain financial responsibility. The Academic Council agreed that this would be added and approved the new updated and improved evaluation tool by unanimous vote.

**Scholarship & Standards: Dr. Sridhar, Chair**

**Faculty Development:** Dr. Sridhar reported that the Faculty Development Committee had been unable to meet but would be meeting as soon as possible.

**Strategies & Responsibilities: Dr. Dong, Absent – No Report**

**Reports from Administration:**

**Dr. Matthew Kluger, VP for Research; Dean, School of Graduate Studies:**

Dr. Kluger announced that Dr. Varghese George will begin on April 1, 2005 as the Chair of Biostatistics and will begin hiring to expand the faculty of that department.

Dr. Kluger reported that a Master of Science in Biostatistics program will begin enrolling students Fall 2006 and a new doctoral program in Neurosciences is currently being reviewed by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Kluger announced his resignation from MCG. He has accepted the position of Vice President for Research at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia effective July 1, 2005.

**Dr. Michael Ash, VP for Administration: Absent**

**Dr. Michael Miller, VP for Enrollment & Student Services:**

**Admissions Update:** Dr. Miller reported that applications for admission to undergraduate programs have increased 20% this year and that there has been a 2% increase in graduate applications for admission.

**Career Opportunity Day:** Career Opportunity Day was held on February 15 in the MCG Wellness Center. Students from the Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate Studies and Nursing had an opportunity to meet and talk with prospective employers.

**Graduation Attendance:** Dr. Miller asked that Academic Council members encourage all faculty to attend graduation.

**Banner Implementation:** Admissions process will be fully automated for Fall 2006 classes except for SOM early decision. Financial Aid will be automated beginning January 2006. Academic History will be available beginning Fall 2006. The two and a half year project is moving ahead as scheduled and Dr. Miller will provide more information as it becomes available.

**Mr. Bryan Ginn, VP for External & Government Relations:**

**2006 Budget:** Mr. Ginn reported the Senate version of the 2006 budget as it relates to the to the Medical College of Georgia includes full funding of the formula increase, a 2% merit salary increase for MCG employees effective in January, and four million dollars for the MCG energy plant. He also reported that the State corrections department signed a 6.9 million dollar contract with MCG for 2006.

**Ms. Beth Brigdon, VP for Information Technology:**

**MyMCG Portal:** Ms. Brigdon introduced the MyMCG Portal to the Academic Council and explained that the objective of the MCG Enterprise Portal Project is to create a new institutional web space that will combine the benefits of public GTML pages for visitors and targeted portal content for registered university users.

Faculty, staff, and students will be able to customize their personal home pages by choosing from a menu of portal channels, - portlets – containing information relevant to

their campus roles. The portal will serve as the campus intranet for sharing information not appropriate for external audiences.

Portlets will be owned by identified campus content providers who will be assigned the responsibility and capability to maintain the accuracy and currency of the information. There will be a centralized management office within the Division of External Affairs to provide oversight of the entire MCG.edu.site.

A prototype of the MyMCG Portal will be available at the Technology Fair on Thursday, March 24 and Ms. Brigdon reported the goal is to go live in June.

**MCG Wireless Project:** Ms. Brigdon reported that the wireless project is well underway and that the entire MCG campus will be wireless by the fall of 2006.

**Mr. Andrew Newton, VP for Legal Affairs:**

Dr. Hill formally welcomed Mr. Newton to the Academic Council as the newly appointed VP for Legal Affairs after which Mr. Newton introduced himself to the Council.

**Mr. L. Keith Todd, VP for University Advancement: Absent/No Report**

**Other Business:**

**Bone Marrow Drive** - Patrick Walton and John Tidwell, both SOM Freshmen attended the meeting as guests to encourage Council members to encourage all faculty to participate in the Bone Marrow Drive that will be held on April 14, 2005.

**Graduation Attendance:** Dr. Hill asked that all Council members encourage all faculty to attend the graduation ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM as a show of support to students.

**Beard Award:** Dr. Hill told Council Members that the process for selecting the Beard Award winner was underway and that the winner will be announced at graduation.

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

