



Academic Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2005

Present: Plummer, Devkota, Jaffe, Kluger, Hill, Lee, Cobb, Shaddix, Mishoe, Inavhoe, Dong, Goldstein, Rahn, Caughman, Schuster

Guest: Dr. Rafik Abdelsayed

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

II. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2005

III. Standing Committee Reports

Faculty Governance, Ms. Cynthia Hughes

The Evaluation of Administrators will be available online from May 19-26 after which, Dr. Andria Thomas will extract the data and will forward to Dr. Goldstein.

Nominations Committee – has a complete ballot that will be sent out to faculty for electronic voting as soon as possible.

Scholarship & Standards, Dr. Sridhar / No Report

Strategies & Responsibilities, Dr. Dong / No Report

IV. Administrative Reports

Dr. Rahn/President:

Dr. Rahn reported that MCG will receive funds as part of the budget for 2005-2006 for Special Projects such as a Central Energy Plant update and that the current construction projects on campus are on schedule.

Dr. Rahn expressed his appreciation for faculty participation at graduation.

School of Dentistry/Dr. George Schuster:

Virtually all dental graduates passed all parts of the SERTA licensure exam on the first attempt. The school is recruiting 12 faculty members. The White Coat ceremony will be held June 25th.

School of Nursing/Dr. Lucy Marion:

The School of Nursing is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Georgia Narsavage as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Narsavage, a nationally-recognized nursing education leader, was most recently at Case Western Reserve University as the Associate Dean for academics. Her research focuses on coordinated and distance health care methods for persons with chronic lung disease. She will arrive on campus June 15th.

Investigators based in the SON have a loose framework for most of the research in progress and in planning: reducing health disparities. Our substantive areas target predominantly underserved African Americans for cancer prevention, screening, and symptom management; prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including AIDS; and cardiovascular risk reduction. Within the framework, faculty members explore determinants of behavior including health literacy and a host of contextual factors, use translational methods to design interventional community-based research, and engage in program planning and evaluation of service projects.

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice proposal awaits approval of the Board of Regents in June. In the meantime, 14 faculty members with masters degrees have begun the 4 semester program as a pilot. Each faculty/student will complete coursework and a clinical capstone project to reflect acquisition of competencies in the following areas: advanced evidence-based practice, leadership, health care systems and outcomes, health care quality (including culturally and patient-centered care), bioethics, health informatics, policy/advocacy, and interdisciplinary functioning. Each project will conclude with at least one paper accepted for publication and a "deliverable" to the clinical partner, e.g., Dr. Guy Reed, Chief of the MCG Cardiovascular Service, who contracted with Assistant Professor Rebecca Rule for her to conduct her project within one of their ongoing programs. The pilot offering will lay the groundwork to accept applications from the public for summer, 2006.

Greenblatt Library/ Ms. Tamera Lee:

Effective July the MCG Library joins other research institutions in Georgia to enhance the research tool, Web of Science, for citation indexing to back files back to 1977. While current information is essential to clinical practice, basic

and clinical research require comprehensive literature reviews. The Web of Science enhancement will also enable researchers to search Medline and Web of Science simultaneously. Notable new features include:

- 1) retrospective coverage of scientific topics which peaked or developed from 1977-1991
- 2) 15 more years of unique science journal content not covered by Medline indexing
- 3) 15 more years of cited reference coverage (as identified by MCG faculty as important to show connection of published papers with their bibliographies)
- 4) meta-analysis studies easier to gather from a single source

School of Allied Health Sciences/Dr. Shelley Mishoe

- SAHS Video is posted to the website: www.mcg.edu.sah/
The video was produced on campus by Visual Instructional Design (VID) and directed by Tim Johnson. We were informed this week that this video has been selected from over 10,000 entries for a 2005 Silver Telly Award, that will go to VID (Tim Johnson) and the School of Allied Health Sciences.
- New Building Topping Off Ceremony was held a couple weeks ago to signify completion of the outer structure of the Health Sciences Building up to the top floor. The building is scheduled for completion by the end of the calendar year for occupancy in July, 2006.
- Faculty Practice Plan is moving forward and the first Board Meeting is being planned.
- The HRSA Rural Grant was renewed and funded for its third year.
- CERSA agreement in process of being renewed, which includes services to MCG Health Care.
- The first DPT class 2008 began classes this week.
- MPA proposal moving through the process – anticipating a start-up of Summer 2006.
- MPH moved up the Spring 2006 start-up to begin this Fall Semester 2005.
- Occupational Therapy – As of December 2004, the last baccalaureate students completed the program. The department is in the 2nd year of their master's degree program. There are 98 students involved in all programs. In October, faculty published four articles and submitted one grant. The faculty are involved in national consulting and national organizations. Mr. Ricky Joseph is close to finishing his doctorate degree; Mr. Rob McAlister (OT/CSU) has just begun his doctorate.
- MHE voted to halt any new entry – working with SGS to accommodate current students.
- Cooperative programs with ASU and GPC being revisited to deal with program capacity issues.

V. Other Business:

Proposed Change to FADPT Policy:

The Academic Council approved, by electronic vote, the proposed changes to the structure of the Academic Council Subcommittees and the proposed changes to the FADPT policy 5.3.2 (see below)

The Dean's Council proposed to permit peer reviewed publications in print, electronic, and multi-media formats including syllabi, instructional materials, and evaluation tools to be considered scholarly products that can be used as evidence of research and scholarship for FADPT purposes. This expands what can be considered and will be especially useful for faculty with significant teaching responsibilities. The Academic Council Executive and FADPT committees support this proposed policy change. It will be sent to the Academic Council electronically for vote.

Proposed Changes to the Structure of the Academic Council Committees:

To reduce the number of elected and appointed committee memberships to six, consisting of one representative from each school, and the library. Two positions will rotate off each year. This was approved by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee and will go be sent to the Academic Council electronically for vote.

SGA Presentation: Kyle Shaddix, President SGA

Mr. Shaddix gave a presentation that covered the SGA's activities, budget, athletic programs and community service projects for 2004-2005. The 2005-2006 SGA President is Mr. Damian Rockwell. Mr. Shaddix will serve as Vice President.

Awards Presentation:

Awards were presented to outgoing AC officers and to Dr. Matt Kluger for the Chair's Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Hill welcomed Dr. Vincent Robinson as the Vice Chair for Academic Council for 1005-2006.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 PM