



Academic Council Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2005

Present: Kiernan, Lee, Cook, Creelan, Baker, Andrews, Callan, Dong, Jaffe, Caughman, Miller, Joseph, Robinson, Mishoe, Hill, Marion, Allred, Drisko, Newton, Cobb, Westrick, Schwab, Plummer, Goldstein, Thornton

- I. **Meeting called to order by Dr. Robinson at 4:00 PM**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2005**
- III. **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Faculty Governance: Ms. Pam Cook**

**Nominating Committee:** Ms. Cook reported that the nominating committee has begun recruiting for 2005-2006 and she asked fellow Academic Councilors to assist in the recruitment process.

**Evaluation of Administrators:** The Evaluation will be sent to faculty in January so that the data can be complete and sent to Administration by the end of February to be used in the evaluation process.

**Scholarship & Standards, Dr. Barbara Kiernan**

**Faculty Manual Update:** The faculty manual is currently being updated and the ARSA policies are complete and ready for final review. The Faculty Manual containing all updated policies will be presented at the General Faculty Assembly in January for a vote by faculty.

Ms. Marilee Creelan stated that the Faculty Manual update was completed within the time frame specified by Dr. Rahn.

**Strategies & Responsibilities, Dr. Zheng Dong**

**Student Affairs Subcommittee** – the wording of the original document regarding the reconstitution of the committee was changed to reflect that “**One representative will be nominated by the VP for University Advancement**” rather than One **Faculty** Representative. This changed was voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Kevin Frazier, SOD, has been appointed Chair of the Student Affairs Subcommittee and that the committee will begin have its first meeting on December 21.

**Grievance Committee:** Dr.Dong reported that there have been no grievances filed this year.

#### IV. Administrative Reports

##### **Dr. Shelley Mishoe, Dean, School of Allied Health Sciences:**

**DPT Consortium:** At last month's meeting, the Board of Regent's approved a DPT consortium for MCG to award the DPT in collaboration with Armstrong Atlantic and State University (AASU) and North Georgia College and State University. Each physical therapy program will be able to preserve its own identity, with oversight by the consortium for admissions requirements, student enrollment processes, curriculum and instruction. New students will be admitted through the consortium by May of 2006, which is a very ambitious timeline to meet all programmatic and SACS requirements.

**New Faculty:** For the first time in a decade, the PT program has filled all of its faculty vacancies, recruiting four new faculty all having doctorate degrees. The Department of Health Informatics has recruited three new faculty over this past year to manage the new MPH program in Health Informatics, which began this Fall. The OT department is recruiting new faculty for its Master's in Health Sciences Program and the Department of Biomedical and Radiological Sciences has open positions.

**New Programs:** The Doctorate in Physical Therapy Program enrolled its first class this summer semester, The MPH in Health Informatics Program began this Fall Semester and the Master's Program in Physician Assistant (MPA) will begin in May, 2006.

**Allied Health Sciences Practice Group, Inc.:** The new Allied Health Sciences Practice Group, Inc. has been implemented, having two board meetings and one membership meeting this semester. Beginning in January, faculty and staff practice in allied health will occur under the umbrella of this new practice plan. The membership has selected the periodic payment method. A task force has been formed to investigate the feasibility of practice opportunities in occupational health, in addition to current types of practice currently underway with MCG Health Inc, the Dental Practice Group and other contracts.

**Center for Health Promotion and Rehabilitation:** The School is continuing to work with Witt Keiffer Search Firm to hire a director to create the new Center for Health Promotion and Rehabilitation. Several applicants are under consideration, pending further review by the search committee and the School. The search committee includes faculty and directors from the GPI. the Center of Excellence in Neurosciences, Walton Rehabilitation Institute and from the School of Allied Health Sciences and the School of Graduate Studies.

The dean thanks all of its faculty and staff for their continued efforts on behalf of the School and its success with best wishes for the holidays.

##### **Ms. Tamera Lee: Director, Greeblatt Library:**

The Library is amidst significant personnel transition with professional retirement and departures.

Library faculty prominence continues in teaching and publication, e.g., editorial review boards for peer-reviewed journals and regional acclaim for consumer health and outreach educational programs

##### **Library Faculty recruitment:**

**Chair, Content Management:** organize and manage advanced electronic resource systems and services

**Information Services Coordinator:** create and develop learning objects for library resource instruction

**AHEC/LRC:** coordinate library and learning resources for state-wide AHEC program  
Virtual Services Librarian--maintain and manage dynamic Library web presence

Six interviews are scheduled this month, with three more to follow in the new year.

### **Dr. Lucy Marion, Dean School of Nursing**

#### **Teaching:**

The School has since hired a new coordinator for the simulation center and will welcome three new doctorally-prepared faculty members next semester – bringing the total number of doctorally-prepared faculty members to 24.

Four faculty members completed their doctorates since July: Dr. Jeanette Andrews, Dr. Patricia Bowman, Dr. Judith Salzer, and Dr. Lori Schumacher.

**Programs:** The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program will admit its second class, first public cohort, in January. The School has also established a partnership with Emory University that will be supported with funds from the Woodruff Foundation. Plans are also underway to partner with Albany State University, Clayton State University, and Valdosta State University to offer the DNP.

The Critical Nurse Leader (CNL) program has been approved by the Board of Regents. The SON Administration is in the process of completing a proposal to the Board of Nursing. Once approved, implementation will begin in hopes of accepting the first CNL students next fall.

**Research:** The administration and faculty continue to search for an Associate Dean for Research and have identified two well-qualified candidates as potential finalists.

**Faculty Practice Status:** The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Practice Plan have all been amended and restated. A Membership Agreement has also been developed. The amended and restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws have been approved by the NFPG Board of Directors.

All NFPG Members (full-time faculty employed at the 1.0 FTE level) have been provided with copies of the amended and restated documents. Forums were held earlier this semester to address any questions or concerns about the Practice Plan in preparation for a vote to accept the plan that took place earlier today.

**Faculty Awards:** Dr. Georgia Narsavage was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing – bringing the total number of Fellows in the SON to six.

Dr. Autumn Schumacher won first place in the Martha N. Hill New Investigator Competition at the American Heart Association (AHA) 2005 Scientific Sessions in November sponsored by the AHA Council of Cardiovascular Nursing.

Dr. Lucy Marion received the APHA Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award in recognition of her innovations in combining practice and teaching throughout her career.

**Grants/Donations:** The SON was awarded \$995,000 from the Robert J. Woodruff Foundation to fund "Pathway to Nursing Excellence in Georgia: The Doctorate of Nursing Practice". This grant is the largest award received by the SON to date.

The Healthy Grandparents Program received a grant from the Area Agency on Aging to expand the program to twelve additional counties and extend service to other non-parent caregivers.

Dr. Brenda Cobb was invited to participate (10%) as the Evaluator on a HRSA-funded Abstinence Education Grant in Burke County, Georgia.

Lou Obendorf, President and CEO of Medical Education Technologies, Inc. donated an Adult Emergency Care Simulator, which will become a part of the interdisciplinary simulation center initiative.

**Dr. Gretchen Caughman, Dean, School of Graduate Studies:**

The School of Graduate Studies 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Research Day will be March 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Oral postdoctoral sessions will be on the afternoon of Thursday, March 16, and the graduate and postdoctoral poster session will be on the morning of Friday, March 17 followed by a keynote address by Dr. Masashi Yanagisawa. Dr. Yanagisawa is the Patrick E. Haggerty Professor of Molecular Genetics at UT Southwestern Medical Center, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Dr. Connie Drisko, Dean, School of Dentistry:**

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Dr. Drisko reported that the SOD has selected and offered positions for the next class. The incoming class will be one of the most diverse classes in the history of the dental school.

The Dental school is in the process of making an offer to a qualified candidate for the Chair of Oral Surgery. They are also in the process of recruiting a Chair for the School of Dentistry Institute for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine.

The time line for the new School of Dentistry to be complete will be determined by whether or not MCG is placed on the BOR special projects list. The goal is 2010-2011.

**V. Other Business:**

The General Faculty Assembly will be held on January 12, 2006 at 4:00 PM in the Large Auditorium. Dr. Rahn will address faculty and new faculty will be recognized. A reception will be held immediately after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 PM