

# **Academic Council Meeting December 16, 2004**

## **Minutes**

Present: Chamberlain, Kluger, Sridhar, Hughes, Shipman, Cuartas-Hoyas, Hill Andrews, Jaffe, Cobb, Marion, Plummer, Singh, Goldstein, Lee, Robinson, Drisko, Thornton, Mishoe, Davis, Dong Y., Ivanhoe

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the August 19, 2004 meeting were approved.

### **III. Executive Committee Report:**

#### **Distinguished Chair Appointment & Review Task Force:**

The task force has completed the draft document. The Provost and the Legal Office have approved the document and it has been forwarded to the Grievance and FADPT committees for their review. Once they have reviewed and approved the document it will be presented at Academic Council for approval.

#### **Faculty Development:**

Faculty Development Handout was distributed that defined why Faculty Development is important, it means and what actions have been and will be taken.

The Faculty Development Committee will be meeting in January. The committee will work to discover what can be accomplished with limited resources.

### **IV. Standing Committees Reports:**

#### **Faculty Governance – Ms. Cynthia Hughes**

**Grievance Committee** - will begin meeting in January to review grievance policies and will begin reviewing the Faculty Manual.

**Nominating Committee** – will be meeting to review and discuss possibly updating the ballot.

**Evaluation of Administrators** – The committee is working to improve the current online tool for the evaluation process.

**FADPT-** Dr. Art Smith, Chair, is in the process of collecting information from each school regarding their promotion and tenure policies. The committee will begin meeting when he has all of the necessary information to present to committee members.

**Scholarship & Standards – Dr. Sridhar**

**Library Resources Task Force** – Dr. Singh, Chair, expressed concerns regarding diminishing on-line and print journal resources. Dr. Hill will meet with Tamera Lee, Director of Libraries, to discuss these concerns.

**V. Administrative Reports:**

Dr. Shelley Mishoe, Dean, Allied Health Sciences: No written report submitted

Dr. Connie Drisko, Dean, School of Dentistry: No written report submitted

Dr. David Stern, Dean School of Medicine: No written report submitted

Dr. Lucy Marion, Dean School of Nursing:

Dr. Marion reported the development of two new graduate programs in nursing. First, the Clinical Nurse Leader is the title of the generic masters degree program for applicants with degrees other than nursing. Second, the doctorate of nursing practice for applicants with specialty masters degrees will be offered to faculty as the first cohort/pilot and later to the public. The next program in the planning stages will be a seamless merger of the two new degrees so that nursing students can complete their education in fewer years. In the research arena, SON investigators now have access to research think tanks to help them formulate their trajectories and new grants. Also, new grant proposals go through mock reviews with internal and external reviewers before they are submitted. Drs. Sally and Martin Weinrich (Professors) have arrived in Augusta and will begin their work at the SON in January. Sally is a senior nurse investigator who targets older African American men and their cancer screening behaviors. Martin is a biostatistician with extensive experience in teaching and health-related research including community trials and clinical trials.

Dr. Marion reported that the SON faculty practice is now an approved 501c3 cooperative organization and the infrastructure to support this endeavor is being developed. The SON is currently establishing the minimum data set, which will cross all practice settings. Several faculty members already have practice contracts in MCGHI and community agencies.

Ms. Tamera Lee, Director, Greenblatt Library:

Ms. Lee reported that the Library has recruited a Clinical Information Librarian to serve as an expert health information provider in support of clinical and family centered care. Effective February 15, Kevin Bradford will join us from Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, KY, with special focus on evidence-based information and its use at the bedside via advanced technologies.