



Academic Council Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2005

Present: Robinson, Creelan, Schwab, Cobb, Westrick, Andrews, Lee, Joseph, Cook, Cuartas-Hoyos, Barbeau, Caughman, Dong, Plummer, Goldstein, Drisko, Mishoe, Callan, Green, Menckoff, Baker

Guest: Sandra Turner, Mark Spasser

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Robinson at 4:05 PM**
- II. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2005**
- III. Set Quorum:** The Quorum was set at 1/3 or 12 elected and appointed Academic Councilors
- IV. Standing Committee Reports**

**Faculty Governance: Ms. Pam Cook**

The proposed changes to the FADPT policy will be brought before the General Faculty for approval at the General Faculty Assembly in November.

The Faculty Manual committee are still in the process of updating the manual and will have the work complete before the January 1, 2006 deadline.

**Scholarship & Standards, Dr. Barbara Kiernan/ No Report**

**Strategies & Responsibilities, Dr. Dong**

The Student Affairs Subcommittee will be reconstituted.

The Faculty Grievance Subcommittee is in transition to a new Chair that will be elected before the next Academic Council meeting in October.

- V. Administrative Reports**

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

The School graduated 234 students in May 2005. In addition, 14 degrees were awarded in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies.

Except for the new DPT program, every program in the School either met or exceeded their enrollment target for 2005. Unofficial Fall 2005 enrollment: 556

U.S. News and World Report ranked the Occupational Therapy program at #28 (top 30%) and the Physical Therapy program at #58 (top 50%), with all programs in the School meeting its outcomes for first time student pass rates (90-100%) on credentialing exams.

The School upgraded its Physical Therapy program from a master's level program to the doctoral level, beginning summer 2005.

The School is launching a new graduate degree program, an MPH in Health Informatics beginning Fall 2005.

The new Master's Program in Physician Assistant (MPA) Program was approved and will be implemented May 2006 (summer semester).

In the 2005 All Employee Campaign, the School of Allied Health Sciences had the highest participation rate, with 62% of employees participating.

The Physical Therapy Program has recruited four new faculty, all with doctoral degrees and research track records. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be the first time since early retirement that the department will have its full complement of faculty!

Four faculty (Doug Keskula, Marie Collins, Raymond Chong, Jim Condon) were promoted and two faculty (Marie Collins, Bill Andrews) were tenured effective July 1, 2005.

Three faculty successfully completed post tenure review (Bonnie Dadig, Rebecca Lam, and Gregory Passmore).

Initiated a new Search for the Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Rehabilitation.

The first School newsletter *SAHS Today* was published.

The School's first video "To Teach, Discover and Care" was awarded an internationally recognized 2005 Silver Telly for best small film. The Silver Telly is the highest honor, awarded to approximately 8 percent of entrants from 10,000 entries worldwide, according to the Telly Awards fact sheet. Past winners have included Court TV, Delta Airlines, Sony Music, The Golf Channel, The Weather Channel, Nike Inc., Time Warner Cable, and TLC Entertainment. The entire video was written, edited and produced on campus with faculty, staff, and students within the School and the Visual Instructional Department. The video is available on the web at <http://www.mcg.edu/sah/sahs-vid.html> and is a great recruiting and informational tool...

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

The School of Dentistry completed a very successful accreditation site visit with eight commendations including being ranked in the top percent of minority students.

The dental school currently has fourteen open positions for faculty including one endowed chair.

The School of Dentistry is opening a new department of General Dentistry.

The school has moved to more Patient Centered Care which has enhanced internal changes that allow new patients to be seen within sixty days instead of within six months and the new patients are assigned to a student within twenty-four hours.

The SOD has done renovations of approximately one million dollars.

**Dr. Steve Schwab, Interim Dean, School of Medicine:**

There has been an increase of 10-15% in Clinical Collections in the past year.

MCG's clinical goal is to move into a larger market.

MCG has fifteen physicians listed in the 2005 edition of America's *Top Doctors*.

Dr. Schwab reported on three of MCGs' Centers of Excellence:

The Cardiovascular Center which has a new outpatient practice building. The Center is in the process of recruiting a Transplantation Director.

The Cancer Center which will open next year has all Clinical Chiefs and will be recruiting a Director.

The Department of Obstetrics is recruiting a Chair for the Department.

**Research:** Research is strong and will continue in the Cardiovascular Center and the Cancer Center.

**Dr. Saundra Turner for Dr. Lucy Marion, School of Nursing:**

The SON has hired an Academic Dean, Dr. Georgia Narsavage

The SON is preparing for upcoming accreditation visit for the Nurse Anesthesia program in the fall and the Nursing Program in the spring.

The SON Doctorate of Nursing program has twelve MCG faculty that are participating. The program was approved by the Board of Regents in June. Plans are to have a part time class start in January 06. The program has been accepted for an ICAPP funding proposal. Work is also being done for a grant from the Woodruff foundation and submission of a HRSA grant.

The SON currently has 352 undergraduate and graduate students

This Year's Pass rate on the NCLEX nursing exam so far reflects: Of 150 Students 131 were reported to have passed which is a 96% pass rate which is significantly higher than last year.

A regional simulation lab is being developed with new equipment in place and work to provide interdisciplinary education.

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

Dr. Caughman reported that the SGS currently has 190 faculty.

Enrollment for the SGS is 260 and is up from the previous year.

The new program Master of Health in Health Informatics has ten students and is in the process of seeking accreditation.

The Biomedical Sciences PhD program enrolled a record number of new students (28) in its first year.

The Master of Science in Biostatistics program will begin enrolling students for Fall 2006. Dr. Varghese George joined the Medical College of Georgia in April 2005 as Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Biostatistics. The department is recruiting additional faculty and two new faculty should be on board by summer 2006. Also, a proposal is being developed to create a division of epidemiology within the department and hire at least three epidemiologists.

The new DNP program enrolled twelve students for Fall semester and there are plans to accept more new students in Spring semester. [You may have covered this in the SON report, too]

Dr. Caughman reported that the SGS may offer a PhD in Genomics program in the future as well as a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

The School of Graduate Studies has 13 PhD students supported by competitive external fellowships, which is a record number. In addition, two programs, Integrative Cardiovascular Biology and Neuroscience, received support for their graduate students from NIH training grant awards.

The SGS Student Publication/Presentation Index has risen steadily over the past, and is now greater than 1.0. This index, which is a measure of student productivity, is determined by dividing the number of student publications and presentations by the number of students.

**Ms. Tamera Lee, Director, Greenblatt Library:**

**Library Web Launch:** Following a year's worth of assessment and development, the Library launched newly designed and engineered website. It is based on what we continue to learn from our academic medical center community through LibQUAL+, local web usability studies and student focus groups – primarily of the vital importance of convenient electronic resource access and a library website and tools to find quality information on their own. We welcome comments and feedback from you as part of our qualitative assessment process. Check it out at <http://www.lib.mcg.edu/index.php>

**“Go Local” Project:** Through a National Library of Medicine planning grant, the Library is partnering with Allied Health for a state health information outreach initiative, “GoLocal Project.” In collaboration with medical libraries and health organizations throughout the state, MCG's Dr. Kent Guion and Mr. Peter Shipman are working to link health professionals and consumer to local health care agencies and resources directly from online consumer health literature via MEDLINE Plus.

**GHRAB Award:** MCG and the Library recently received recognition for excellence in archival program development for the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board. Spearheaded by Ms. Lisa Westrick for preservation and access to Dr. Greenblatt's scientific (endocrinology) collection, the award will be presented next month in Atlanta by Ms. Cathy Cox, Secretary of State.

**IR Pilot:** Dr. Mark Spasser is leading a pilot project to make MCG's digital intellectual output accessible for interdisciplinary collaboration on the Web, preserve MCG's digital objects for the future, and promote MCG's educational and scholarly work broadly and efficiently. An IR committee has been formed in collaboration with ITSS, hardware and software has been identified, and a small group of early adopters has been identified.

**VI. Other Business:**

**Hurricane Katrina:**

Dr. Goldstein reported that MCG will accept students displaced from other universities by Hurricane Katrina if the school they are displaced from supports the move.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 PM