



Academic Council Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2006

Present: Robinson, Hill, Kiernan, Plummer, Callan, Caughman, Jaffe, Andrews, Mishoe, Lee, Thornton, Schwab, Rahn, Allred, Cook, Baker  
Guests: Sandra Turner, Kevin Frazier

**I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Robinson at 4:05 PM**

**II. Approval of Minutes February 16, 2006:** The minutes were approved with the following amendment: Dr. Hill requested that the number of reported Evaluation of Administrator surveys distributed/completed as reported below be verified for accuracy.

**III. Standing Committee Reports:**

**Faculty Governance: Ms. Pam Cook**

**Nominating Committee:** Ms. Cook reported that the nominating committee will have the ballot complete and ready to circulate to faculty within the next couple of weeks. The committee has received nominations from all schools with the exception of the SOM.

**Evaluation of Administrators:** The following to be verified for accuracy: The Evaluation is complete and of the 1774 that were distributed, 782 or 44% were completed. The results have been forwarded to the Provost. There are still faculty concerns of anonymity in smaller departments that will be addressed prior to the evaluations to be done next year. Dr. Goldstein confirmed in the March 2, Executive Committee that the evaluations were currently being used for Faculty Evaluations

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

**Faculty Development:** Janet Bickel, Nationally known Faculty Development Consultant, was at MCG March 14<sup>th</sup> and met with three deans, the director of the Library and two department chairs from the School of Medicine. Ms. Bickel gave a noon lecture which will soon be available on line for faculty that was unable to attend the meeting.

She will return May 31<sup>st</sup> for two days for more meetings and to report her findings from her first visit.

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

Student Affairs Subcommittee – Dr. Kevin Frazier, Chair of the committee attended the meeting to report that the committee is currently working to meet with students to discuss their needs, interests and possible activities to actively engage as many students from as many schools as possible as soon as possible.

Dr. Frazier shared the ideas that the committee is working on and update the AC again when he has more to report.

Student Appreciation will take place March 28. The committee is working with Student Services to organize the events.

## **IV. Administrative Reports:**

### **Comments by Dr. Rahn:**

Dr. Rahn stated that the faculty development programs currently underway are important initiatives to be cultivated and will help to foster significant, campus wide faculty development now and in the future.

MCG is involved in government policy level decision making process having many experts involved in giving testimony to various committees.

Chancellor Errol Davis' first site visit to MCG went well and involved MCGHI and MCG.

MCG is ahead of last year in Advancement funding with 10 to 12 million in pledges, 106 million endowment and 130 million in Foundation funds.

Infrastructure funding being used for a Campus wide clean up is ongoing and includes replacing many 30 year old heat and air conditioning pipes.

Dr. Rahn stated that MCG is a challenging environment that must align all efforts in the correct manner to ensure continued advancement and successful educationally.

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

Dr. Schwab reported that the Cancer Center ribbon cutting/opening took place on March 10. The final candidates for director for the Center have been narrowed down and a final decision will be made within the next two weeks.

Match Day took place today at noon and was very successful reporting that students and departments did well. Thirty three MCG students will stay at MCG for their residencies.

The search for the dean of the School of Medicine has been narrowed to three finalists and the new dean will be announced soon.

Internal Medicine Board Results were a 100% pass rate.

### **Dr. Rick Callan, School of Dentistry (for Dr. Drisko):**

Dr. Callan reported that the SOD students are preparing board exams. Fourteen students were accepted into residency programs.

The School of Dentistry has a new Comprehensive Care Program that places senior students into a clinic that involves all types of patient care. This program is for smooth transition into private practice. These are four remote clinics, two of which are up and running with the other two to be ready soon. Plans for the new dental school are moving forward as are the searches for new faculty.

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

Dr. Mishoe reported that the SAHS is preparing for Homecoming activities and are working to engage more alumni than have been involved in previous years. Distinguished Alumni from throughout the years will be recognized at a dean's reception prior to the homecoming dance. Five departments are currently preparing to move into the new health sciences building. Departments expect to be down for approximately three days while moving. The Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) Consortium will be implemented in May. The consortium includes MCG, North Georgia College and University and Armstrong State University. The Master of Physician Assistant (MPA) will begin in May of this year.

**Dr. Sandra Turner, Chair, Biobehavioral Nursing, (for Dr. Marion):**

The Board of Regents approved the expansion for the DNP program for five additional sites including Albany State, Clayton State, Emory, Georgia Southern and Georgia State. The expansion will be phased in over the next three academic years. The preliminary proposal for the Critical Nurse Leader (CNL) program has been submitted to the Board of Nursing and was approved today. The recent visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education was successful and the SON expects to receive full accreditation. The SON will soon advertise for three additional nurse scientists to join current researches and are currently advertising for a research scientist and expect to fill this position soon. The search for an Associate Dean of Research continues. The SON practice plan was approved by majority faculty vote in December. Dr. Autumn Schumacher and Dr. Jeannette Andrews have received faculty awards. Professor Deborah Smith and Dr. Martha Tingen have been awarded grants.

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

Dr. Caughman reported that Graduate Research day will be held Friday, March 17 in the Wellness Center with a record 102 abstracts submitted. The Summer STAR (Student Training And Research) program is designed to provide biomedical research experience for undergraduate students with a desire to pursue a graduate education in biomedical sciences. There have been a record number of applicants to the program.

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

MCG hosted a retreat for 25 biomedical library directors from peer institutions throughout the Southern region. The retreat included a tour of the library and campus. Ms. Lee has been elected RACL (Regents Advisory Council on Libraries) Chair Elect and will be serving on the GAL steering committee which will include directors from 35 USG institutions to drive GALILEO and lead statewide library planning initiatives. The library has launched a national search for an Associate Director.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Spring General Faculty Assembly will be held on April 27 at 4:00 PM in the Small Auditorium. The next Forum for the Future will be held on May 18 at noon in the Large Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Dr. Eldon Smith, current Editor-in-Chief, The Canadian Journal of Cardiology. 2005-2006 Academic Council awards will be presented at 11:30 prior to the FFF.

