



## **Academic Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2008**

**Present:** Mr. Bill Andrews (Vice Chair-Elect), Dr. Michael Ash (VP for Administration), Dr. John Blalock (Parliamentarian), Dr. Wendy Bollag (SGS), Mr. Bill Bowes (VP for Finance), Dr. Gretchen Caughman (Dean, SGS), Dr. Pam Cook (Secretary-Treasurer), Ms. Kathy Davies (Library), Dr. Corliss Derrick (SON), Ms. Mary Downey (AHS), Mr. Bryan Ginn (VP for University Advancement), Dr. Barry Hammond (SOD), Dr. Lynn Jaffe (AHS), Dr. Ricky Joseph (AHS), Ms. Tamera Lee (Library), Dr. Ronald Lewis (SOM), Dr. Kenneth Murdison (SOM), Mr. Mark Staples (ITSS – for Ms. Beth Brigdon), Dr. Lara Stepleman (SOM), Dr. Sandra Turner (SON), Dr. Karl Wenger (SOM), Dr. Jack Yu (SOM)

### **I. Meeting called to order by Mr. Bill Andrews at 5:00 PM**

**II. Approval of Minutes January 17, 2008:** Approved.

### **III. New Business**

~ The Academic Council will not pursue an AAUP chapter at MCG this year.  
~ The search for candidates on the Faculty Ballot is still underway. There are still SOM vacancies on the Grievance and Statutes subcommittees. Only one candidate has asked to run for the Vice Chair-Elect position and there has to be at least two nominations. If no one else runs, there will be a mandatory write-in on the ballot. The names of all the candidates will be circulated to the Executive Committee and Academic Council for certification. Mr. Andrews thanked Kathy Davies and subcommittee members on their hard work putting this ballot together.

### **V. Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Faculty Governance: Dr. Jack Yu**

##### ***Membership, Voting & Nomination Subcommittee***

~ The Subcommittee has been working on the slate of nominees as stated in our Bylaws. This list will be presented to the Executive Committee and Academic Council in March.

##### ***Statutes Review Subcommittee***

~ House Bill 815 (Optional Retirement Plan): This legislation will change the definition of persons who may opt between the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia and the Regents Retirement Plan, change provisions governing the employer's contribution to the Regents Retirement Plan, etc. **Status:** The bill was favorably reported by the House Retirement Committee on Feb. 13 and voted on by House Rules Committee on February 22. The bill was supported by the Board of Regents. This plan allows the Board of Regents to set the rate. Julie Kerlin is working closely with the Board of Regents staff.

##### ***Faculty Appointment, Promotion, Tenure & Post-Tenure***

~ There is nothing substantive to report from this subcommittee.

##### ***Faculty Evaluation of Administrators***

~ The faculty list has been reviewed by members of the Executive Committee and Dr. Andria Thomas. The subcommittee met on February 7. The evaluation is scheduled to go out on Friday, 2/22/08, and will be open for two weeks.

#### **Scholarship & Standards: Dr. Dave Hill**

##### ***University Assessment***

~ Dr. Cibirka indicates that the University Assessment Subcommittee has completed its current task.

**Library Resources**

~ The subcommittee has met.

**Strategies & Responsibilities: Dr. Lynn Jaffe**

**Faculty Grievance Subcommittee**

~ The Subcommittee addressed one grievance and passed their recommendations to the President.

**Student Affairs Subcommittee**

~ There is currently no activity.

**VI. Comments from Administration:**

**Vice President for Administration: Dr. Michael Ash**

**Initiatives:**

~ The Master Plan is being edited. A final draft of the plan will be shared with The Cabinet and then with the campus. Gilbert Manor is still in negotiations regarding purchase of the property. The School of Dentistry and Medical Education Commons will consolidate teaching methods of the School of Medicine. Other studies are being done regarding moving into Gilbert Manor.

~ The Auditoria Center is nearing completion and looks very sharp. A dedication/ribbon cutting is planned for Friday, 4/25/08.

~ The Data Center renovations are continuing.

~ Mocha Mann is now operating out of the Library. Mocha Mann will soon be up and running out of the old Sandwich Gallery location as well.

**VP for Finance: Mr. Bill Bowes**

~ The 2009 Budget has been submitted to the Governor requesting funding of \$118 million and includes a planning bid of \$7.2 million for the MCG expansion project.

~ Met with Athens regarding the needs there.

~ Over the next few months, deliberations will be made regarding the FY 09 budget. This should be completed by mid-March.

~ The kick-off regarding allocation of the FY 09 internal budget on campus is in progress.

~ A long-term financial strategy is being developed.

~ The statewide audit regarding P-Card issues has been completed. MCG did well during the audit. It is being discussed how to tighten the use of P-Cards.

~ Tuition revenues are being carried forward and will be added to for more flexibility.

**VP for Information Technology/Associate Provost: Mr. Mark Staples for Ms. Beth Brigdon**

**Initiatives:**

~ A project was recently started regarding video conferencing. There will be unlimited licenses. It can be used often and with as many people as possible.

~ Information Technology Advisory Meeting – Nursing, Allied Health and Dental are coming up as well as Graduate Studies for instructional technology. A strategic plan is being built.

~ The MCG firewall needed upgrading and an upgrade took place on 2/20/08. There have been a number of issues with connections including peer to peer networking.

**VP for University Advancement: Mr. R. Bryan Ginn**

~ Legislation regarding the Georgia Trauma Trust Fund has been introduced to address the trauma funding needs in Georgia. It has been requested to allow a \$10 charge on motor vehicle registrations and the transfer of funds into the state treasury to support the fund. MCG is tracking legislation on a number of house and senate bills.

~ Team MCG kicked off on February 18, 2008.

~ Homecoming will be held April 25 – 27, 2008.

**VII. Other Business:**

None

**VIII. Announcements**

~ Forum for the Future - The next Forum for the Future will be Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 12 noon in EC 1222. Dr. Michael Parker, a Senior Interactive Media Architect from Harvard Medical School, will present on “Interactivity and the Future of Visualizing Difficult Concepts in Medicine.”

**IX. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Bill Andrews at 5:45 PM**

Submitted by,

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