



Executive Committee Planning Retreat  
August 10, 2006  
Minutes

Present: Goldstein, Rahn, Callan, Hill, Cook, Kiernan, Andrews, Blalock, Ballance, Barbeau, Tingen, Lewis, Cobb

**Call to Order:** Dr. Callan called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM

**Comments from Dr. Rahn:** Dr. Rahn addressed the Executive Committee stating that one of the major challenges facing the faculty organization is showing its value to faculty. Faculty should see the fruit of their efforts and the reward of the fruit both personally and professionally. Dr. Rahn suggested that the Academic Council look for ways to engage faculty and make them aware of how the Academic Council benefits them.

In the future, MCG will seek an interdisciplinary approach to being competitive. Focus on new faculty should be geared towards mentoring and helping them to be successful in order to improve faculty retention.

Dr. Rahn would like for MCG to be completely tobacco free by July 2007.

**Comments from Dr. Callan:** Dr. Callan stated that his goal for the Academic Council is to increase exposure across campus to increase involvement of faculty. He feels that faculty should learn the value of the Academic Council and how it can serve and assist them. Dr. Callan would like to explore the idea of a logo or icon that symbolizes Academic Council to increase visibility.

Discussion followed regarding improving the image of Academic Council and the possibility of changing the name to boost involvement of faculty. A task force will be created to market the Academic Council across campus and will include the following EC members: Rick Callan, Martha Tingen, John Blalock, Bill Andrews and Dave Hill.

#### **Updates on Business Items:**

**Budget:** Current budget as of July 25, 2006 is \$12,975.83. There is an outstanding check in the amount of \$11,500.00 which will leave a balance of \$1,475.83. Dr. Goldstein will inquire about the \$19,000.00 allotted but not yet deposited into the Foundation account.

**Committees & Subcommittees:** Following a lengthy discussion regarding the subcommittee membership of the Standing Committees of the Academic Council, Dr. Callan asked each Standing Chairperson to fill vacancies on their subcommittees, including the elected subcommittee chair vacancies, as soon as possible. Each Standing chairperson agreed and will try aim to fill their vacancies as quickly as possible.

The bylaws will be updated to reflect changes instituted in the past year by a task force of the following members: Pam Cook, Rick Callan, Dave Hill, Bill Andrews, and Martha Tingen.

**Student Affairs:** Dr. Frazier will be invited to attend an upcoming Academic Council meeting to report his goals and planned activities for the Student Affairs Subcommittee.

**Faculty Development:** The committee discussed the faculty development subcommittee's activities of the previous year. The discussion included suggestions regarding continuing the success of the subcommittee and ways to build on the current momentum. The newly appointed chairperson is Dr. Sherman Chamberlain.

**Forum for the Future:** Dr. Callan talked about the importance of the Forum for the Future and how it can benefit faculty. Academic Council will work to maintain a "forum" type format rather than a lecture or seminar type activity. The next forum will be held on September 21.

**New Faculty Reception: The New** Faculty Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion. All new faculty have been invited to attend. Continuing faculty have been invited to attend to meet, greet and show support to the new faculty.

**August 17, 2006 Academic Council agenda items:**

- Standing Committee Reports
- Comments from Administration
- 2006-2007 Budget
- Recognition of newly elected AC representatives

**Other Business:** The Executive Committee will hold a meeting in two to three weeks to review the following:

- Status of the Standing Committee vacancies
- Faculty Development Update
- Icon/Logo for Academic Council
- Ideas for marketing the Academic Council
- Bylaws Update

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Executive Committee

