



**Medical College of Georgia
General Faculty Assembly
November 15, 2007**

The fall meeting of the Medical College of Georgia General Faculty Assembly was held Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library (AB 108). Approximately 100 faculty members, staff and members of the community were in attendance.

I. Welcome / Certification of Minutes

Mr. Bill Andrews, Vice Chair Elect, convened the meeting as Dr. Martha Tingen, Vice Chair, although present, had laryngitis. Mr. Andrews welcomed faculty, staff, students and guests. Minutes from the General Faculty Assembly held on April 26, 2007 were approved as presented.

II. Comments from the President

Dr. Rahn gave a brief update regarding campus activities focusing primarily on the upcoming SOM expansion. He also discussed how the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative has gone extremely well.

III. Tobacco-Free Campus Resources

Dr. Sharon Bennett, RN, faculty member in the SON and Director of the SON Tobacco Cessation Clinic, presented an update on current activities and success with MCG, MCGHI, and PPG employees who have chosen to participate in the cessation clinic. She emphasized the clinic is ongoing and encouraged faculty and their staff to utilize the clinic services if needed.

IV. Update on Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) Legislation

This will be voted on at the upcoming legislative session. The original bill has had many changes and does not contain the original intent of what the faculty had originally worked toward.

V. Revisions in Bylaws Presented for Consideration

Dr. Pamela Cook presented the bylaws for revision, which consisted primarily of editorial changes for consistency. There was minimal discussion and the bylaws were approved by majority vote.

VI. New Faculty Recognition

Each School Dean and the Library Director was recognized and several then recognized their respective chairs to introduce new faculty members to their departments. See program for the numerous faculty members recognized.

VII. Announcements and Other Business

Upcoming Forum for the Future was announced as well as the date for the Spring Faculty Assembly.

VIII. Closing Remarks

Mr. Andrews provided the closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm followed by a reception in honor of the new faculty.

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