



**Medical College of Georgia  
Academic Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2008**

**Present:**

**Officers:** Mr. Bill Andrews (Vice Chair), Dr. Philip Baker (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr. John Blalock (Parliamentarian), Dr. Martha Tingen (Past Vice Chair)

**Administration:** Dr. Barry Goldstein, Mr. Andrew Newton, Mr. Mark Staples

**SAHS:** Dr. Carol Campbell, Ms. Mary Downey, Dr. Lynn Jaffe, Ms. Lori Prince

**SGS:** Dr. Wendy Bollag, Dr. Gretchen Caughman

**SOD:** Dr. Connie Drisko, Dr. Kevin Frazier, Dr. Barry Hammond

**SOM:** Dr. Vincent Robinson, Dr. Lara Stepleman, Dr. Karl Wenger

**SON:** Dr. Lucy Marion, Dr. Sandy Turner

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

**II. Approval of Minutes May 22, 2008:** Approved.

**III. New Business**

~ Establishing a quorum for the 2008-2009 academic year was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made to accept, seconded and approved by all voting members present to adopt the following statement for the official quorum for the 2008-2009 academic year: "For the purpose of conducting regular meetings and business of the MCG Academic Council during the academic year 2008-2009, the quorum shall be established as 12 of the voting members present."

**IV. Standing Committee Reports**

**Faculty Governance: Dr. Barry Hammond**

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

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Statutes Review Subcommittee***

~ Gayle Bentley was elected Chair of this subcommittee. The subcommittee has a busy year ahead of them. The subcommittee has been charged to review the statutes in preparation for the SACS reaffirmation for accreditation to be presented to the Board of Regents for approval; name change for the Academic Council and adding a mission statement to the bylaws.

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

~ Mary Ellen Quinn will replace Jeannette Andrews as the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Nursing representative on this subcommittee.

***Faculty Evaluation of Administrators***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

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

***Faculty Development Subcommittee***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Faculty Recognition Task Force***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Library Resources Subcommittee***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Research Ethics Subcommittee***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***University Assessment***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

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

***Faculty Grievance Subcommittee***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Faculty Salary and Benefits Task Force***

~ The resolution requesting a letter of support from President Rahn regarding the inclusion of domestic partner benefits in the USG system benefit package was put to a vote and passed.

***Strategic Initiative Activities***

~ There are no new activities to report at this time.

***Student Affairs Subcommittee***

~ Kevin Frazier has been appointed as the new Vice President of Student Affairs and Development. Dr. Greg Passmore will fill the 1<sup>st</sup> year vacancy on this subcommittee for SAHS. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year SON member has left MCG so this vacancy will have to be filled.

**V. Other Business**

~ A resolution to endorse the proposed bylaws of the University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) was circulated to all Academic Council members prior to the meeting. The resolution was read and the floor opened for discussion. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all voting members present to accept as written.

~ The Domestic Partners resolution was passed by faculty vote. Mr. Andrews sent a letter to Dr. Rahn requesting that this resolution be sent to the Board of Regents for review and consideration. Dr. Rahn forwarded the letter but has not received any official word from the Board of Regents to date.

~ An evaluation for the New Faculty Reception will be distributed to the Academic Council members. Officially, there were 180 people who signed in and approximately a dozen that did not. We are fairly certain a new record was set for attendance this year.

~ The Executive Committee approved the MCG Research Institute joining with the Academic Council for the Spring Faculty Assembly for award presentations.

~ A Faculty Satisfaction Survey is in the works. A draft of the survey has been reviewed by the Executive Committee. The survey should be available in the next few months and should prove a useful tool in improving the faculty programs and retention on campus.

~ Dr. Baker presented a list of current vacancies on the Academic Council as well as vacancies on various subcommittees of the standing committees.

~ The Forum for the Future scheduled for October 2 is being moved to the first part of November due to the Chancellor's visit on October 2. The speaker will be Dr. Barry Adams, an Education Technology Consultant with Apple, Inc. His presentation topic is "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning: New Communities, New Content, New Conversations." Dr. Adams will address the changing nature of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner and examine some of the trends in teaching and learning in active learning environments and evaluate how we can offer new, exciting information transfer systems to our students to survive in a global economy.

**VI. Announcements**

~ The Academic Council accounts have been frozen due to foundation changes. At least the first half of the year will be interesting without funds. Mr. Andrews will be meeting with Mr. Bowes during the week of September 29 to try and get this resolved as quickly as possible, since we have two Forums in November and the Fall General Faculty Assembly that require funding for supporting these events.

~ Dr. Goldstein announced that the legislature approved changes in the statutes related to ORP and turned them over to the Board of Regents for control. The Board of Regents developed a new task force. Dr. Goldstein received a copy of the slide presentation of the recommendations this month to the Board for action. The recommendations include increasing the employee match from 8.15% to 9% effective 1/1/09 and that the Board of Regents OPR be limited to the following vendors: AIG Valic, Fidelity Investments and TIA Cref. Dr. Goldstein will forward the information to Bill Andrews to share with the Executive Committee.

~ The next Academic Council meeting is Thursday, October 16, 2008.

**VII. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Bill Andrews at 5:35 PM**

**Submitted by,**

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and

Philip Baker, DDS

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