

Medical Center Caucus of the University Faculty Senate

Minutes of the 15 April 2004 meeting

Senators: Adi Haramati (presiding), Kevin Cleary (minutes), Robert Clarke, Mark Danielsen, Rhonda Friedman, Priscilla Furth, Jeanne Larsen, Marko Moscovitch, Anne O'Donnell, Kate Taylor, Leslie Walker

Absent: Karen Gale, Dorothy Anne Richmond, Shyrl Sistrunk, Kathryn Sandberg, Luis Sanz

Excused: Gabriel Hauser, Susette Mueller, Aziza Shad, Joseph Verbalis

Visitors: Karen Frank, director of parking

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

1. Minutes of the 10 February 2004 meeting were corrected and then approved.
2. There was a long discussion about parking, In particular, Priscilla Furth has asked if research personnel who need to work during some evening and weekend hours can be allowed to park in Lots E and G free of charge. Karen Frank, the director of parking, has promised to look into this issue.
3. As part of the parking discussion, it was noted that MedStar had recently raised rates more than 100% on some visitor parking. For example, Leavey Center parking daily rates went from \$12 an hour to \$25 an hour. There was no advance notice from MedStar of this change and it could have a negative effect on things such as meetings at the Leavey Center.
4. The minutes of 11 March 2004 meeting were approved with one correction: item 3 in the minutes was amended to add the sentence "It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Academic Freedom."
5. Committee assignments were discussed and will be covered at the May 12 faculty meeting. Adi will send the list of committees by email to the Caucus members.
6. Rhonda Friedman provided two informational items. There is a new task force on part-time faculty status that is chaired by Herb Herscovitz with committee members Bonnie Green, Elliott Croke, Jeanne Walther, Jim

Ward, and Marcia Mintz. The Caucus recommended that Mark Danielsen be appointed to serve on this committee.

7. There is also a search committee for the new Associate Vice President for Research that is chaired by Ken Dretchen with members Phyllis Magrab, Sharon Ramey, Jean Wrathall, Bob Clarke, Kathryn Sandberg, and Joe Verbalis.