

## **Medical Center Caucus of the University Faculty Senate**

### **Minutes of the 24 August 2004 meeting**

**Senators:** Adi Haramati (presiding), Kevin Cleary (minutes), Robert Clarke, Rhonda Friedman, Robert Glazer, Gabriel Hauser, Jeanne Larsen, Sonja Malekzadeh, Marko Moscovitch, Kathryn Sandberg Suzette Mueller, Anne O'Donnell, Dorothy Anne Richmond, Aziza Shad, Shyrl Sistrunk, Leslie Walker

**Excused:** Priscilla Furth, Karen Gale, Kathryn Taylor, Joseph Verbalis,

**Guests:** Wayne Davis, Ken Dretchen, Michael Lumpkin, Anita Sidhu, Vassily Papadopoulos

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

1. A special meeting of the Medical Center Caucus was called to discuss the resignation of Dr. Sedmak. The meeting was opened by Dr. Haramati who gave a summary of his meeting yesterday with Dr. DeGioia. The current situation is urgent and Dr. DeGioia is under great pressure to stabilize the financial situation. Dr. Dretchen and Dr. Davis also related their impressions of the situation following their meetings with Dr. DeGioia, and concurred with Adi's assessment.
2. Some faculty members voiced concern about the future of the Medical Center. Other members suggested that we need to be proactive here and see this as an opportunity for the faculty to influence events and set the future course. In either case, it was agreed that faculty input is essential as we move forward.
3. It was decided that Dr. Haramati should write a letter to Dr. DeGioia affirming our desire to be part of the solution. It was suggested that the GRAC meetings be re-started immediately. It was also suggested that we request an immediate meeting with Dr. Bondurant to discuss our willingness to help in any way. This should be done as soon as possible it is likely that will be a town hall meeting next week with the medical center faculty and Dr. DeGioia and Dr. Bondurant.
4. Many Senators expressed concern that the budgetary deficits attributed to the Medical center are not transparent, and that we cannot intelligently make recommendations without seeing the financial figures. The Caucus requested that Wayne Davis obtain this information and distribute it to the Caucus.

Meeting adjourned.