

Medical Center Caucus of the University Faculty Senate

Minutes of the 27 January 2005 Meeting

Senators: Adi Haramati (presiding), Robert Clarke, Rhonda Friedman, Priscilla Furth, Karen Gale, Robert Glazer, Jeanne Larsen, Marko Moscovitch, Anne O'Donnell, Aziza Shad, Leslie Walker

Excused: Gabby Hauser, Kevin Cleary, Sonja Malekzadeh, Suzette Mueller, Dorothy Anne Richmond, Kathryn Sandberg, Shyrl Sistrunk, Kathryn Taylor, Joseph Verbalis

Visitors: Paul Aisen, Martine Culty, John Gerin, Jag Kanwal, Ken Kellar, Mike Lumpkin, Adam Myers, Sue Mulroney, Peter Shields

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

This special meeting was called to develop a Senate response to the proposals produced by the Working Groups to meet the defined financial targets and the organizational restructuring proposal produced by the BGRI Working Group. The intent is to synthesize the points expressed by members of the faculty and the Senate representatives into a succinct and coherent document. Several faculty members, including Senators, presented their viewpoints for discussion.

Much of the discussion centered around the concern that while there was support for the need to meet the financial targets developed by the Working Groups, there is insufficient detail at present to consider the organizational restructuring proposal that accompanied the BGRI report. Accordingly, many felt that the development of a sound organizational structure (which conforms to the financial constraints), required more time and significant faculty involvement. A consensus was reached on basic content. Karen Gale, Paul Aisen, Adi Haramati, and Robert Clarke will prepare a statement for approval by Caucus members before the February 2nd Advisory Groups meeting.

The following motion was approved unanimously.

"The Caucus advocates that the proposal presented by the BGRI Working Group uncouple the short term financial planning component from the long term organizational restructuring of departments."

Further recommendations will be contained in a document to Dr Bondurant.

Announcements:

Dr. Bondurant is calling for a meeting of the three Advisory Groups on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2005, at 5 pm in Warwick Evans, Building D. Notification will go out shortly.

Dr. Bondurant has endorsed the idea of having a presentation at the next meeting of COMCA (as suggested in a previous meeting of the Caucus with Win Churchill), and he has asked Dr. Aisen to present on an Alzheimer Disease Research Initiative.

Meeting ended at 1:30 pm.