

**Draft Minutes**  
**September 1, 1998 Meeting**  
**Medical Center Caucus**

**Present:**

**Senators**

Cole (Chair), Danielsen, (Secretary), Myers, Siva Subramanian, Glazer, Kellar, Lauerman, Regan, Mcgrail, Young, Zuccarelli,

**Guests**

Bates (Chair, Faculty Senate), Dretchen (Dean of Research)

**Absent**

Spiegel, Nelson, Kromer, Breall, Harter, Tracy, Sribnau, Wientzen.

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The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by the Chair, Dr. Cole. The following items were discussed:

**1. Introduction by this year's caucus chair Michael Cole**

Dr Cole thanked Adam Myers, last years chair for the enormous amount of time and effort he spent on Senate affairs. Dr Cole urged Senators to name an alternate to cover absences. The alternate would attend but not vote. Attendance will be published in the minutes.

**2. Replacement of vacated Senate seats**

The Caucus will appoint two senators to fill vacancies in the School of Nursing and in the Medical Faculty. The runner up of last years election Dr.???? will also be appointed to the Senate. Dr Kromer is on Sabbatical for six months - Dr Cole will check whether he will be serving on the senate during this time.

**3. Representation on the Senate Steering Committee.**

Since the Chair of the caucus is from the basic sciences, a representative of the Medical faculty will be chosen by the Medical Faculty Senators to serve as spokesperson for the Medical Faculty on committees such as the Senate steering committee. Separate representation by the Nursing School was discussed.

#### **4. Interaction of the Senate with the Administration**

The caucus reaffirmed its commitment to act as a liaison between the administration and the faculty and to work with the administration on ways to overcome the current financial problems. Thus, Ken Bloom, Ken Dretchen, Paul Katz, and Sam Wiesel will be invited to each Caucus meeting to discuss current and future developments at the Medical Center. The following structure for these meetings was suggested:

The administrator will present an overview of recent events at the medical center and discuss plans for the immediate future. Faculty will be solicited for written questions which will be asked at the meeting, a general discussion will ensue. Whenever possible, Dr Cole will meet with Dr. Wiesel prior to the meeting to finalize the agenda for the administrations presentation to the caucus.

#### **5. Plans for the sale or merger of the Medical Center**

A number of options are being considered for the future of the Medical Center. These include sale or merger of the Medical Center with another health care organization or even closure. To ensure that the Faculty has a role in the decision making process regarding these options Dr Cole will meet with Dr Wiesel and then draw up a list of questions on the possibilities for sale or merger. It was agreed that the caucus should focus on the effects of such a merger on teaching, research and patient care.

The Board meets September 19, Dr Cole will find out if any agenda items are of concern to medical center faculty.

#### **6. The minutes**

Preliminary minutes will be distributed by email. Senators will have one week to correct the minutes. The corrected minutes will be sent back to Senators and to all faculty 5 days later. The caucus agenda will be emailed to all faculty. Faculty will be asked for questions to pose to Dr Wiesel and fellow administrators at the next meeting and also to suggest topics for future meetings of the caucus.

The meeting was adjourned at 1-45 PM.