

Minutes

March 25, 1999 Meeting

Medical Center Caucus

Present:

Senators

Cole (Chair), Danielsen, (Secretary), Glazer, Houser, Lauerman, Myers, Regan, Siva Subramanian, Mcgrail, Spiegel, Sribnau, Wientzen, Tracy

Guests

Bates (Chair, Faculty Senate), Dretchen, Haramati, Massaro, Weisel

Absent

Breall, Harter, Kellar, Kromer, K. Myers, Nelson, Young, Zuccarelli

Excused

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Cole. The following item was discussed:

1. Request by Dr. Wiesel to promote acting Chairs in Medical Departments to Full Chairs.

Dr Wiesel presented his reasons for wishing to promote acting and interim chairs in the medical departments to full chairs. He said this idea arose when faculty approached him about the uncertainty of the structure of Departments after a merger. Dr. Wiesel stated that he was not greatly worried one way or the other and that the Senate's input and permission would determine whether these promotions would occur.

In a response to questions concerning the academic qualifications of some of the candidates, Dr. Wiesel said that the candidates were "adequate". This sparked a lengthy discussion concerning academic standards at the medical center, and whether a chairman with few research grants and publications would be able to recruit high caliber residents and more senior faculty.

The possibility of having an academic chief and a chief of service was raised.

Senators raised the issue as to whether all departments should be governed by the same rules. Specifically, why are interim/acting chairmen in the basic sciences being excluded from the mass promotion?

Dr Myers put forward the motion to approve Dr. Wiesel's request. This was defeated (2 for, 12 against).

The following resolution was passed 12 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions:

"We support that departments be able to vote in a secret ballot whether to have interim chairs appointed as chairs. This is subject to a three-year term and to the departments developing a mechanism by which permanent chairs are appointed under the Senate's guidelines of 6/97. This must apply to all departments, basic and clinical that currently have interim chair and as chairs become vacant."