

## Minutes

April 7, 1999 Meeting

### Medical Center Caucus

#### Present:

##### Senators

Cole (Chair), Danielsen, (Secretary), Breall, Glazer, Houser, Kellar, Kromer, Lauerman, Myers, Siva Subramanian, Mcgrail, Sribnau, Tracy, Wientzen, Young.

##### Guests

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

##### Absent

Harter, K. Myers, Nelson, Zuccarelli, Spiegel,

##### Excused

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

#### 1. Budget Controls.

A 24 hr turn around time is guaranteed in Cathy Russell's office. Ken Dretchen will arbitrate as the need arises. Call him concerning research entertainment and about food for student functions. The Senate informed Dr. Wiesel about the general unhappiness with the current ordering system and the multiple layers of bureaucracy that it entails.

#### 2. Role of Dr Lippman

According to Dr. Wiesel, Dr Lippman reports to Dr. Wiesel with advice only. He stated categorically that Dr. Lippman may not make any decision independently. Dr Lippman and Dr Dretchen work together and make decisions together.

The senate raised the issue of conflict of interest regarding Dr Lippman's role in space allocation, space costs, and faculty recruitment to the Department

of Oncology. Dr Wiesel stated that he was unaware that faculty in existing departments were being recruited to the new Oncology Department. He said the Department of Oncology was mainly for recruitment of new faculty. He was also informed that faculty were being restricted in their teaching opportunities by Dr. Lippman. One senator compared Dr. Lippman to a loose cannon since his perceived role by the administration is drastically different from the role he appears to be playing in the medical center.

Dr Wiesel agreed that he promised that square foot costs would change to reflect the quality of the space involved. However, he said that reality had changed. Senators pointed out that charging the same for all space was inherently unfair.

### **3. Faculty Role in MedStar Partnering**

There was a question and answer period concerning the MedStar discussions. The fate of clinicians at the medical center is not yet clear – there was much discussion as to whether all physicians will be Georgetown faculty, especially as the FPG is now part of the deal. Concern was expressed that FPG committees have not been included in the talks so far.

Dr. Wiesel stated that some physicians who do not see patients might have to change departments.

Faculty representation on committees overseeing the merger will be discussed at the next full faculty senate meeting.