

Minutes
May 5, 1999 Meeting
Medical Center Caucus

Present:

Senators

Cole (Chair), Danielsen, (Secretary), Breall, Glazer, Hauser, Kellar, Kromer, Lauerman, Myers, Nelson, Mcgrail, Regan, Spiegel, Sribnau, Tracy, Wientzen, Young

Guests

Bates (Chair, Faculty Senate), Haramati, Massaro

Absent

Harter, K. Myers, Zuccarelli

Excused

Siva Subramanian

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

1. Voting and representation Rights of the Medical Center Librarians in the Medical Center Caucus.

Librarians basically have the same rights as faculty except for tenure and sabbatical. The caucus decided by unanimous vote to include the medical center librarians in those entitled to vote for senators representing the basic sciences. Librarians may also run for senate office beginning in the next fiscal year. These actions bring the Medical Center Caucus in line with the policies on the other campuses.

2. Results of Senate Elections

Nominations for the seats of two senators in the basic sciences whose terms were up this year were requested from the basic science faculty. After extending the nomination period by a day, 2 nominees were obtained, Adam Myers and Adi Haramati. The caucus confirmed their election to the senate by unanimous acclimation.

There are 11 nominations for 4 vacant seats on the clinical side of the caucus. The election process is underway.

3. Committee Openings 1999-2000

Dr Myers presented a run down of vacant senate appointments on Medical center and University Committees. Stephano Vicini was confirmed to serve on the research Integrity committee for another term (3 years).

Recommendations for the other vacancies will be discussed at the next senate meeting.

4. Lippman/Dretchen Incentive Committee

The senate discussed the incentive committee. Members expressed grave concern over the lack of due process in setting up this committee. Senators were unclear as to how much money was available, where it came from and who had authority to disperse it.

The following resolution was passed (8 for with 1 abstention):

“The senate views the Incentive committee, recently formed by Dr. Lippman, to be in violation of the Board’s resolution of how compensation policy will be developed at the Medical center. Therefore, the committee should be disbanded, whereupon Drs Dretchen and Lippman will be invited to the Senate to discuss this process.”

5. Faculty Role in MedStar Partnering

There was great unease as to the lack of faculty input into the MedStar partnering discussions. Some committees have yet to be formed and others have been disbanded. There was a general feeling that the faculty were being side stepped. There was a discussion as to how faculty could find out what their rights were in such a partnering situation.

Dr. Tracy will present a synopsis of meetings with MedStar and the “facilitator” Larry Lewin at the next caucus meeting.