

Minutes

December 02, 1999 Meeting

Medical Center Caucus

Present:

Senators

Cole (Co-chair), Danielsen (Secretary), Glazer, Haramati, Kromer, Myers, Spiegel

Guests

Massaro

Absent

Tracy (Co-chair), Collea, Evans, Lauerman, Harter, Breall, Hauser, Regan, Nelson, Zuccarelli, Sanz, O'Donnell, Mcgrail

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by the Co-Chair, Dr. Cole. There was some confusion as to whether the meeting would be held (the meeting was cancelled and then reinstated late in the day), thus the turnout of senators was lower than expected. Since all the Basic Science members were present but not one of the Clinical senators, the meeting was designated a Basic Science senators caucus meeting. The following items were discussed:

Medical Center Caucus Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously

Caucus meetings should meet on a regular monthly schedule on dates to be announced before each semester. Caucus chairs cannot unilaterally cancel scheduled meetings. If the chair cannot attend the meeting, an acting chair should be appointed to conduct the meeting.

University Status of Current Medical Faculty After the Takeover.

There was a discussion on the workings of the committees that are charged with making recommendations concerning the MedStar merger. There was concern that the committee structure is being manipulated to minimize effective faculty input.

The following resolution was passed unanimously

The Caucus views with concern the formation of the Academic Planning

Committee Working Group that does not presently include appointees of the Faculty Senate. Therefore, the Caucus requests that President Richard Bates initiate the process of making 2 appointments to that group.

Medical Center Budgets

There was dismay that fiscal year 1999 had a deficit of over \$80,000,000. It was pointed out that in most institutions such a situation would result in management rearrangements. In contrast, at the Medical Center, some of the leadership received large salary increases. Dr. Wiesel is now one of the highest paid medical center vice presidents in the country.

The Caucus requests that Jack DeGioia attend its next meeting to specifically answer questions about the medical center's financial performance in fiscal year '99 and the current performance in fiscal year 2000.

Addenda

A) At the full University Senate meeting on Dec 6, Jack DeGioia agreed to give an update on the MedStar transaction at every Caucus meeting beginning January 2000.

B) The Medical Caucus will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Physiology conference room. The dates will be:

January 5
February 2
March 1
April 5
May 3
June 7
July 5

C) Data from the Chronicle of Higher Education November 26, 1999

Sam W. Wiesel, executive VP, health sciences; executive dean, medicine

1996 Salary \$561,040

1997 Salary \$561,040

1998 Salary \$634,640

The list of top earners in private universities can be found at:

<http://chronicle.com/stats/990.php3>

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or see the whole article at:

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v46/i14/14a00101.htm>