

Draft Minutes
September 06, 2000 Meeting
Medical Center Caucus

Present:

Medical Center Senators

Cole (Co-chair), Danielsen (Secretary), Evans, Haramati, Hauser, Glazer, Kromer, Lauerman, Myers, McGrail, O'Donnell, Sanz, Spiegel, Tracy (Co-chair), zuurbier

Guests

Bates, DeGioia,, Moscovitch, Wiesel, Kellar, ,Keltner, Dickson, Gelmann, Lumpkin, Rauschecker, Wilcox, Friedman, Scribanu, Serene, Dretchen, Cihlar, Mulrone Chan, Wrathall, Massaro, Clerch, Keyser, Schwartz, Collmann, Magrab, Diamond, Argrawal, Djakiew, Jacques, Picken

Absent

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

Discussion of the role of the Committee for Transitional Administration

The meeting began with an introduction to the role of the committee during the transition. The committee was set up by the University President to overcome the obvious conflict of interest that Dr. Wiesel finds himself in. The committee felt that there would be no difficulty in identifying those issues in which Dr. Wiesel would be in conflict. Some faculty voiced the opinion that Dr. Wiesel would be conflicted over every issue.

Prior to the meeting, the senate developed a list of questions for the committee:

Governance

Question 1.

At the last Executive Faculty meeting the Academic Dean provided a list of his Associate and Assistant Deans. These numbered 13.

(a) What was the justification for creating these deans?

Expertise is needed to run the medical student teaching mission. The number of positions is not inconsistent with the number of personnel used in other Medical Schools.

(b) Who authorized the creation of these deans?

Ray Mitchel, Sam Wiesel, the Executive Faculty.

(c) From where did the money come to remunerate these deans?

From within the Dean's budget.

Discussion centered around the appropriateness of some of these "Deanlets". The reasons given for promoting members of the Dean' office staff to Deanships were not given. The academic qualifications of the new Deans were not discussed. The mechanism used to select deans was not given. It was pointed out that Dr Dretchen has 0.25 Deans under his supervision. However, he does oversee a number of staff that deal with regulatory issues.

Question 2.

(a) How will the Executive Faculty function going forward when the majority of its members are employees of MedStar Health?

No clear answer was given to this question. Dr Wiesel stated that faculty are faculty and implied that there are no plans to change the makeup of the Executive Faculty.

(b) For example, how will the Executive Faculty function in considering promotion and tenure of university faculty, or for that matter, in the making of any decisions concerning the university?

This question was not answered

Question 3.

Is it acceptable that many of the chairs of university committees are now employees of MedStar Health? Examples - Committee on Students; Student -Faculty Liaison Committee; Committee on Student Appeals; Committee on Admissions: Committee on Faculty; Committee on Medical Education

No specifics were given. Support for the current status quo was put forward by Dr. Wiesel. The impression given was that to Dr. Wiesel there is no major problem

Question 4.

By what mechanism will the regular faculty be able to interact with the Committee for Transitional Administration?

Dr Wiesel suggested that the Executive Advisory Committee should play the role of communicator. It was suggested that the Executive Advisory Committee should meet with the Committee for Transitional Administration on a regular basis - at least every month. The caucus will publish a membership list of this committee and its meeting dates so that the faculty at large can forward their concerns.

Question 5.

What safeguards are there in place to protect academic clinical programs?

No safeguards were given. Some physicians suggested that some medical programs will likely be lost due to an inability to come to some understanding with MedStar over space and billing.

Budget and finance

Question 6.

The budgeting and finances of the Medical Center remain in a state of confusion. The departmental budgets remain to be finalized. Jamie Reuter appears not to have authority to make decisions such as recruitment.

(a) Who is responsible for authorizing new recruitment?

This will be set by the Committee for Transitional Administration, not directly but by allocation of funds. A finalization of Department budgets will likely occur Sept 7th 2000.

(b) Are Jamie Reuter and Pim qualified to handle budgeting for the Medical Center?

At the moment they are as good as we can get. Their deficiencies are being shored up by the accounting firm PWC. Jamie Reuter has little academic experience. Members of the Committee for Transitional Administration pointed out that they have a great deal of experience running large academic programs.

Concern was expressed by faculty present that repeated internal appointments yield poor leaders. There was some discussion of the major changes that would occur when the new University president takes up office.

(c) Is oversight by the central administration i.e., Nicole Mandeville, necessary?

Not addressed.

Parking

Question 7

What is the status of negotiations between MedStar Health and the University concerning the exchange of parking spaces in lot T for spaces in lots E, G and Garage 2?

100 spaces at the Medical Center have been offered to Georgetown at a monthly rate of \$120/space. Dr Wiesel expressed disappointment at MedStar's offer. Various faculty were dismayed at MedStar's unwillingness to cooperate with Georgetown and suggested that this bodes poorly for cooperation between the 2 entities in the future.

As a point of interest, it was noted that lot T is now often full and that the next hurdle would be the loss of spaces due to the SW quadrangle construction.

Other Items

Dr Wiesel confirmed that Dr. Mark Lippman is no longer in charge of research at Georgetown. No reasons were given; Dr. Wiesel agreed to distribute a memo concerning this to the faculty.

A general faculty meeting was suggested.

Dr Wiesel stated that Medical Student education was our primary concern at the Medical School and that this should drive all our other endeavors. It was pointed out that there are a diverse set of students at the Medical School and that the school should have an equal concern for graduate students and for research.

Senate Elections

Two vacancies exist in the Caucus for representatives of the medical faculty. The caucus voted to offer Dr. Gloria Massaro one of these positions. Dr. Tracy agreed to canvas the medical faculty for additional candidates.

Committee on Faculty

The caucus voted unanimously to place Dr Michael Lumpkin on the committee on faculty.

Search Committee for a new Dean of the Graduate School

Adam Myers was nominated to serve on the Search Committee for a new Dean of the Graduate School

Caucus Meetings

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:

Oct 4

Nov 1

Dec 6