

Medical Center Caucus of the University Faculty Senate

Minutes of the August 29, 2001 meeting

Present: Adi Haramati (presiding), Chris Attinger, Kevin Cleary, Rhonda Friedman, Robert Glazer, Gabriel Hauser, Jeanne Larsen, Gloria Massaro, Kevin McGrail, Adam Myers, Anne O'Donnell, Leslie Walker,

Guests: Ken Dretchen, Michael Lumpkin, John Lynch, Michael Pentecost, Henry Yeager

1. The minutes of the July 26, 2001 meeting were approved subject to some corrections and clarifications.
2. Dr. Haramati introduced Leslie Walker, MD, as a new clinical senator from the Department of Pediatrics.
3. The September 12 general faculty meeting was discussed and the following were suggested to be part of the meeting agenda.
 - i. Dean Betty Keltner will be invited to talk about developments at the school of nursing
 - ii. Status report on the self-study for the upcoming LCME accreditation
 - iii. Status report on the chair searches
 - iv. Status and discussion of the governance report recommendations
4. Dr. Henry Yeager (Department of Medicine/Pulmonary Division) brought up some issues regarding research in clinical departments. The issue is that the revenues necessary to cover clinical overhead are unrealistically high for someone doing clinical practice part-time. The result is that it is difficult for faculty members who conduct research to get compensation for clinical practice. There were no specific documents or figures for the Caucus to review. The suggested was made that Chris Wilcox from the Department of Medicine might be interested in addressing the Caucus concerning this matter.
5. The remainder of the meeting focused on the governance document recommendations. The Caucus was asked to provide comments regarding the document to President Jack DeGioia. The process was begun with a presentation of the recommendations for each of the four major sections: 1) leadership 2) shared governance 3) faculty appointments and promotion, and 4) faculty senate. After the initial overviews, discussion ensued on various aspects of the document.
6. The process by which the Caucus will develop its response was also discussed. Adi will invite every senator to submit written comments regarding the document, both to indicate support for parts as well as to offer suggestions for revision. People should send resolutions along with their comments for consideration by the Caucus. Gabby Hauser volunteered to collate the comments and distribute them for general discussion at a Special Caucus meeting to be scheduled for next Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at 4 PM in room 239 Basic Science Building. A document containing a summary of the Caucus's reactions will be developed and distributed for discussion prior to a second Special Caucus meeting to be scheduled on Monday, September 10, 2001, at 5 PM in room 239, Basic Science Building. The intent is to have a sense of the views of the Caucus prior to the General Faculty Meeting, scheduled for September 12, 2001 at 5:15 PM (site to be determined by Ray Mitchell's office).
7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Recorded by Kevin Cleary