

University Faculty Senate

Medical Caucus

Agenda and Minutes of Monthly Caucus Meeting, Tuesday July 2nd, 2013

Members present: Mark Danielsen (presiding), Daniel Djakiew, Rebecca Evangelista, Alexei Kondratyev, George Luta, Maria Luisa Marquez, Eileen Moore, Prosper N’Gouemo, Cesar Santos, Andrea Singer, Miriam Toporowicz, Scott Turner.

Members absent: Christine Colie, Mary Ann Dutton, Carolyn Ecelbarger, Ladan Eshkevari, Karen Gale, Michael Pishvaian, Pamella Saunders, Vanessa Sheppard, Ken Tercyak, William Rebeck.

Guests:

None

Agenda

Approval of the minutes

Update on action items from the last meeting (Chair)

Vice-chair nomination for clinical senators

Status of the resolutions made at the caucus-sponsored faculty meeting, attached (Rebeck/Chair)

Caucus Nomination Committee -one volunteer needed

Discussion of Nominations for the Financial Affairs Committee

Development of a list of invitees to caucus meetings for the upcoming year.

Other business

Minutes

The meeting was recorded and called to order at 12:12 pm by Mark Danielsen. The minutes of the June 4th Meeting were approved with addition of Daniel Djakiew to new senators and Ludise Malkova removed as her term expired.

Update on action items from the June 4th meeting

1. Update the list of caucus members (Chair)
The official member list has been sent to Julie Goffe
2. Nomination of a vice-chair of the caucus (Clinicians)
Appointed (see below)
3. Ask for administrative support (Chair, Karen Gale)
Request forwarded to Elliott Crooke
4. Contact Elliott Crooke about the FA website (Chair)
Request forwarded to Elliott Crooke
5. Resolve Bill Rebeck’s role in the senate next year (Chair)
No reply was obtained from Bill. Miriam will find out the legal situation within 2 weeks.
6. Create a list of all committees that the caucus has representation on (Chair)
In progress
7. Obtain current documentation on the governance structure of the Medical Center (Rhonda Friedman)

*Sent request to Elliott Crooke
See handout*

8. Plan and organize a senate-sponsored faculty meeting
About 40 faculty turned up. Three resolutions were passed and Bill Rebeck communicated these to Howard Federoff at the town hall meeting. See below.
9. MedStar faculty affairs proposal (Miriam Toporowicz)
10. Communicate resolutions of the caucus (Chair)
Sent to Elliott Crooke.

Appointment of a vice-chair of the Caucus

Maria Marquez was nominated for the position of vice-chair. No other nominations were received. The caucus unanimously endorsed Maria Marquez as co-chair of the caucus.

Status of the resolutions made at the caucus-sponsored faculty meeting

Resolutions passed by faculty at the June 2013 caucus -sponsored town hall meeting:

1. GUMC should re-establish the Financial Oversight Committee according to the framework outlined in the 2002 document describing Medical Center Governance.
2. The faculty request input into the process of allocating bridge funding at GUMC, to insure that funds from sources like MedStar gain sharing are being used optimally to maintain and promote research activities.
3. Given the clear concern voiced in several faculty forums over the past few months, the GUMC administration should clearly state that the proposed Faculty Performance Management Plan is no longer being considered. GUMC faculty are very willing to work to explore other possible plans.

Resolution 1 passed unanimously:

The MC caucus supports the resolutions passed at the caucus sponsored faculty meeting

Dr Federoff agreed to re-establishment of the Financial Oversight Committee. The committee is now currently being set up.

The caucus expressed concern over the opacity of the bridge-funding program.

Resolution 2 passed unanimously

The caucus requests an explanation of how the bridge funding system works. In essence, how much money is available, how it is awarded and the current return on investment.

Caucus Nomination Committee

The caucus nomination committee will consist of the chair and vice-chair of the caucus and one other senator. Prosper N'Gouemo agreed to serve.

Discussion of Nominations for the Financial Affairs Committee

There was a discussion of possible nominees. Wayne Davis was suggested. It was agreed that the nominations committee should begin deliberations but that the caucus really needs to see who is already on the committee before we choose members.

Development of a list of invitees to caucus meetings for the upcoming year

It was suggested to general agreement that the caucus should invite the chairs of the rank and tenure and CAP committees. There was a suggestion of a high level faculty meeting with the CEO of MedStar and others. A counter argument was made that we should start small and engage MedStar through a process that is already ongoing within Medstar.

Joint Chairs/Deans

There was animated discussion on how to get this resolved. The senate discussed writing a letter to the president requesting that he help resolve the issue of joint chair/Dean appointments if a satisfactory response is not obtained to the previous requests of the caucus.

Action Items from this and Previous meetings (Chair, unless noted otherwise)

Meetings with Drs Goldberg, Marquez, Danielsen

Obtain administrative support for the caucus

FA website updating

Resolve Bill Rebeck's role in the senate next year (Miriam)

Create a list of all committees that the caucus has representation on

Obtain current documentation on the governance structure of the Medical Center

Invite MedStar representatives to discuss faculty affairs at a caucus meeting

Develop an invitee list for caucus meetings 2013-14

Communicate resolutions of the caucus and follow up

- 1) Support of the June faculty resolutions
- 2) Bridge funding and how it works