

**University Faculty Senate
Medical Center Caucus**

Agenda and Minutes of Monthly Caucus Meeting, Tuesday November 5, 2013

Members present: Mark Danielsen (presiding), Daniel Djakiew, Alexei Kondratyev, Mary Ann Dutton, Karen Gale, Robert Glazer, George Luta, Eileen Moore, Prosper N’Gouemo, Cesar Santos, Vanessa Sheppard, Ladan Eshkevari

Members absent: Christine Colie, Andrea Singer, Ken Tercyak, Carolyn Ecelbarger, Rebecca Evangelista, Maria Luisa Marquez, Pamela Saunders, Miriam Toporowicz, Scott Turner

Guests:

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from October
2. Discussion with Dr. Federoff
9. Old/New business

Minutes

The meeting was recorded and called to order at 12:06 pm by Mark Danielsen.

- 1) **The minutes for October were approved**
- 2) **Discussion with Dr. Federoff**
 - a. Gain Sharing with MedStar yielded \$12.8M last year. 50% was placed in a “quasi endowment” and the other half was put aside for current use (including bridge funding) over the next 5 years. This year the gain sharing is expected to be greater than last year. The final amount will not be known until the end of this calendar year. Dr. Federoff expects that a similar spending strategy will be used with this years funds as was used with last years funds.
 - b. Dr. Federoff stated that GU would like to invest \$15M/year in GUMC but that this is insufficient. He noted that this number has not changed for a number of years.
 - c. Dr. Federoff praised faculty for the expansion of teaching programs over the last few years. Last year the cap on students had an impact on the bottom line but that has been reversed this academic year. The income is partly used for faculty salary support.
 - d. Dr. Federoff discussed the differences in the mechanism of salary support for faculty in the college and in the medical center. The absence of fully funded faculty lines is difficult to manage in the current grant-funding climate (the blended indirect rate is now at an all-time low of <30%)
 - e. The Toulmin gift is just over \$4M per year and is being used as bridge funding and to support faculty salary. The caucus suggested that Toulmin funds used for research funding should be a named award, “The Toulmin Research Award” for instance.
 - f. Dr. Federoff noted that we have a greying faculty. The recruitment of two new chairs along with ancillary positions is being discussed.

- g. Elevating Research at GU. Dr. Federoff has been discussing methods of elevating GU's research profile of the whole university. One possibility is joint main campus/medical center investments. The caucus suggested that advancement could be involved. MedStar and GU have been talking about a joint foundation that would allow joint fund raising.
- h. The caucus suggested that the amount of undergraduate teaching/research at the Medical Center be quantified. Dr. Federoff said we should be ambassadors for the medical center with our colleagues in the other schools.
- i. The pediatric chair search is still going on. Children's hospital is complicating the search because the future of Children's is not clear (possible association with Johns Hopkins, for instance). The Pediatrics department is concerned as the search is not transparent and only part of the faculty has met with possible candidates.

3) Other business

a. Budget

It was decided that the caucus needs more details on the budget. Karen Gale will coordinate with Dr. Crooke on the data we need.

b. Future of research at GU

It was suggested that this should be the subject of a senate meeting or university faculty meeting. The caucus chair agreed to discuss this with the administration and with the faculty senate.

c. Resignation of Alexei Kondratyev

Alexei announced that he is leaving Georgetown as of Dec 1, 2013 and thus this is his last caucus meeting. The following motion passed unanimously:

"The caucus invites Rhonda Freidman to join the caucus as Alexei's replacement and to serve out his term that ends in 2014."

d. Chair of Pediatrics.

General dissatisfaction with the current outcome of the search for the next Chair of Pediatrics was expressed. It was suggested that Dr. Federoff take a more active role in the selection process to ensure that the academic mission of the department is not compromised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm