

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

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OSU-CHS Faculty Senate Members

Warren Finn, Ph.D., President

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Sarah Hall, D.O., Secretary

William Po, M.D.

Charles Sanny, Ph.D.

Jarrad Wagner, Ph.D.

Recorder: Jean Keene

Members Present: Dr. Finn, Dr. Blankenship, Dr. Dyer, Dr. Meek, Dr. Sanny, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Wagner

Members Absent: Dr. Hall, Dr. Po

Guests: Dr. Benjamin, Dr. Bost, Dr. Weil

Reporting Administrators: Dr. Benjamin

Call to Order: Dr. Finn called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.; it was held in the Board Room, as is customary.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes of the prior meetings was moved by Dr. Blankenship and seconded by Dr. Stephens. They were unanimously approved as presented.

Senate President's Report:

- A. Dr. Finn reported that the third and final Faculty Senate/Administration Retreat session was scheduled for 3/15/13; he said it would be just a one-half day session. He noted that the Agenda for that final session would be distributed on Monday, and he was looking forward to the final session very much.
- B. Dr. Finn reminded the Senators that the Curriculum Committee's Report/Recommendation had been tabled at the prior Senate meeting, and that he had personally delivered the document to Dr. Shrum. Dr. Finn invited Dr. Benjamin to comment. Dr. Benjamin advised that he knew Dr. Shrum had received it, and that she is reviewing and carefully considering what has been submitted. She is also considering a few things for inclusion that are important to her, and she will prepare a response to the Senate.
- C. Regarding Space Needs Assessment, Dr. Finn recapped the information that President Barnett had asked for a Task Force to be appointed, and that Dr. Finn had been invited to serve as chair. He noted that the first task would be to define the needs of the faculty, both now and looking forward and addressing what may be needed for teaching and research over the next ten years. Dr. Finn said most of the persons invited to serve on the Task Force have agreed to do so. He commented that students will also be on the committee, and the student leaders will be submitting those names. Dr. Finn said he is contacting some of the Phase III members so he can glean information regarding what would be needed in light of the new curriculum. Dr. Finn reported that Dr. Bost, as chair of the Budget and Benefits Committee, may also be able to provide some information that the Task Force would find useful. In response to a question regarding who will serve on the Task Force, Dr. Finn said Eric Polak, Johnathan Franklin, Dohn Martin, and Robin Dyer will be serving. Dr. Benjamin may also be providing some suggestions. Angela Bacon, in Student Affairs, may also serve. A full list of the members will be provided when the Task Force membership is complete.

Report from Administrators in Attendance:

Dr. Finn called upon Dr. Benjamin, asking if he had information to share with the Senators. Regarding the new curriculum, Dr. Benjamin said he has a very positive outlook. He noted that there are three “carry-overs” and they will have some modification; they are: OMM, Clinical Skills, and Anatomy. Then, he advised we also have the new courses, and they are being worked upon. He noted that it is predictable to have some level of anxiety associated with the unknown, but we are moving forward and good progress is being made. Dr. Benjamin said as we roll out Clinical Medical Foundations, Introduction to the Patient, and Biomedical Foundations, a lot of clarity will have been reached. The first three systems to be delivered are Nervous System, Psychiatry, and Cardiovascular. Those three systems must have their first milestone met in terms of complete work-up of their content by the end of May. He repeated that he has a very positive view of the new curriculum. He noted that there have been a lot of discussions/questions raised, e.g. how will GPA be calculated? How will remediation be handled? What are the parameters for the circumstance when a student will need to repeat a year? He advised that such questions are being examined.

In response to a question, Dr. Benjamin advised that the students in the graduate courses must meet the graduate school requirements. In many of the graduate courses, there is a graduate requirement on top of what is required for the medical students. Some specific detailed questions were raised, and Dr. Benjamin responded. He noted that some adjustments are still being made, but any needed modifications are becoming smaller.

Dr. Benjamin said we have increased our class size. When that occurs, there is a potential for a site visit; and that could happen about September, which coincidentally, is about the time we will be starting the new curriculum. Dr. Dyer asked that special attention be given to the fact that the incoming class size is to be limited to 115 students; if that number were to be increased to allow for summer remediation, significant difficulty could arise. She noted that such a problem arose the prior year. Dr. Benjamin took notes and said he will keep that information in mind.

Dr. Finn indicated the Senators would now receive information regarding various committees’ activities.

Dr. Bost advised that the Budget and Benefits Committee had met the previous Wednesday. Dr. Hess had reported regarding the following topics:

- A. An update on legislative budget factors,
- B. An update advising that Dr. Hess would provide a site diagram and general construction costs to the Building Site Task Force, which is being chaired by Dr. Finn,
- C. An update regarding a request for CHS faculty to be allowed access to selected biomedical journals at the Stillwater library was offered. Dr. Bost reported that Dr. Hess is still gathering information on that topic.

In addition, Dr. Bost advised that some early information had been gathered from some directors and course coordinators regarding resources they would like to have provided in order to implement the new curriculum. Significant discussion followed on the general topic; at its conclusion, it was determined that

the information would be given to Dr. Benjamin, who would review it for fit within the curriculum/ courses, and when completed, the information would be given to Dr. Hess for monetization.

Dr. Bost indicated that if additional information were to be received, that too would be provided to Dr. Benjamin for his review and use. Dr. Benjamin had agreed to continue meeting with the committee for analysis and providing information.

Dr. Benjamin commented that there is a great deal of activity at the school right now. There is a search in process for a replacement for Dr. Jarolim, and two guest lectures were scheduled for presentation by an individual being considered for replacing the retiring Dr. Goljan. He noted we are aggressively moving forward on many issues.

Dr. Benjamin said he is confident we will be able to meet the challenges associated with the transition period, and with implementing the new curriculum.

A question was posed to Dr. Bost asking about the Mercy affiliation. Dr. Dyer said the meeting had not taken place. She advised that the general picture is that Mercy is not planning to absorb hospital losses, and there must be an annual legislative appropriation (\$18 million has been mentioned) before Mercy makes a commitment. Dr. Dyer mentioned that we will probably not hear about the Mercy decision until the summer. It is an ongoing process. A question was asked where Mercy had their home offices; it was reported to be located in Oklahoma City.

There was a brief discussion regarding the information that had been reported for the Research and related committees. Senators agreed that it is better to have information rather than not to receive it. Dr. Finn offered to contact Dr. Patneau requesting that information on committee activities be provided. Dr. Dyer suggested that the responsibility to provide a report to the Senate should be emphasized as the committee chair appointments are made. Dr. Wagner said he believes it is important that we are getting information from the Research Committee, even though it is not coming directly from the chair.

Dr. Finn called upon Dr. Meek; he said he wanted Dr. Meek to have an opportunity to provide information regarding how the Curriculum Committee's recommendation was developed. Dr. Finn said it was important for Senators to have the background on the development of the proposal, and even though the recommendation remained tabled, a discussion on how it was created was appropriate. Dr. Meek queried the Senators whether they had reviewed the document distributed at the last meeting. A brief discussion on some details followed. Dr. Finn invited the Senators to critically review the document in preparation for a collaborative problem solving session. He indicated that the dean has the right to establish a committee the way she wishes it to be. The Senate has been invited to provide information. Dr. Finn indicated a balanced recommendation will be the desired outcome following the receipt of input from Dr. Shrum, and any subsequent discussions. Senators recognized that a change in the Senate Bylaws would be needed for the new Curriculum Committee description, and that other changes may also be needed. Dr. Finn thanked Dr. Meek and invited him to attend the next meeting to continue the discussion process.

Dr. Finn invited Dr. Stephens to report on the RPT Process Committee; he said the members of the committee are: Dr. Dyer, Dr. Finn, Dr. Craig Stevens, Dr. Smith, Dr. Thurman, Dr. Casey and he, Dr. Johnny Stephens, was serving as chair. He said time is of the essence for this committee's work, both to

make changes, and to get information out to the faculty. He said the goal is to have a proposed process out to the faculty for review and discussion, perhaps as early as the end of March. The follow-on goal was to have a document to present for voting at the Spring General Faculty meeting.

Dr. Stephens said the committee wants to develop a recommendation that the faculty can discuss, and then it can be put forward for debate and subsequent voting. Dr. Stephens said some of the committee's work is intended to be accomplished electronically with progressive iterations of the document being sent for input and agreement.

Dr. Finn called upon Dr. Meek asking if he wished to add to the OSU-Faculty Council Representative's written report that had been submitted. Dr. Meek advised that his written report appears on page six of the Written Committee Reports document, and he called attention to the entry regarding Revision of Policy 2-0902 and encouraged Senators to read the report. Dr. Meek did mention that some of the items discussed at the OSU-Faculty Council meeting do not apply to CHS.

Dr. Finn said the last meeting of the Regents Faculty Advisory Committee was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Dr. Finn invited the Senators to read the committee reports distributed electronically and in the agenda packet were for the Senators' information. He thanked the Senators for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.