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FACULTY SENATE

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FACULTY SENATE Minutes

DATE: October 15, 2004

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: D502, School of Dentistry

PRESENT: James Fitchie, Joyce Titus, Margaret Drake, Becca Pearson, Marshall Bouldin, Olga McDaniel, Mahmoud Salem, Binford Nash, Christina Barlow, Cheryl Hardy, Honey East, Myra Wheaton, Judy Leavitt, Jonathan Fratkin, Virginia Segrest, John Kermode, *ex officios* Scottye Lee & Annette Low.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by President John Kermode. He introduced Dr. Dan Jones, Vice Chancellor for the past 15 months, who spoke for approximately 40 minutes. He discussed former graduates of our programs. All schools are doing well academically. Several have had accreditation visits recently and have had glowing reports. Scores on national examinations continue to be good. He quoted the baseball player Dizzy Dean, "If you can do it, it ain't braggin." He mentioned the imminent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Medical Center and how fifty years makes us a relatively young institution. Education is still the primary focus here with research emphasis growing. He said The Institutions of Higher Learning are still considering the tenure question. October 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Children's Hospital opening. He went on to discuss current construction and pressing space needs. He discussed the institution's financial situation especially related to salaries. He announced that Dr. Tom Pitt from Virginia will become the University of Mississippi Development Officer soon. He explained about the possibility of a private developer collaborating with us to provide a facility which will include a wellness center, daycare and hotel near campus. He discussed issues related to faculty morale. Then he opened the floor for questions from the Faculty Senate.
2. The Sub-Committee on Constitutional Change gave a brief report. This will be the main focus of the November 19<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. The secretary will send e-mail copies of the constitution for faculty senators' perusal before that meeting.

3. The minutes of the September 17, 2004 meeting were approved.
4. Discussion of future speakers was postponed to the next meeting.
5. Adjournment was at 2:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Drake  
Secretary