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FACULTY SENATE  
2005-2006 TERM MINUTES

DATE: February 16, 2006  
TIME: 5:00PM  
PLACE: D 502, School of Dentistry  
PRESIDING: Jonathan Fratkin, President

Attending: March Ard, Christina Barlow, James Fitchie, Jonathan Fratkin, LaVerne Grant, John Kermode, Olga McDaniel, Binford Nash, Carol Newcomb, Laura Schenk, Virginia Segrest, Joyce Titus

Invited Guest Speakers: Dr. D.E. Magee, Ophthalmologist, Magee Clinic, Jackson, MS  
Institutions of Higher Learning, board member

President Jonathan Fratkin called the meeting to order at 5:03PM

Minutes from meeting on January 20, 2006 were unanimously approved. Correction of date of proposed March meeting to March 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM.

New Business:

Dr. D.E. Magee came to discuss the way the board of Institutions of Higher Learning interacts with institutions over which it has oversight. The board consists of 12 individuals serving staggered terms of 12 years each. It is a constitutional board appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. There has been a recent change in governance requiring the president of each university to report to a Commissioner of Higher Education. This person is a former university president and professional educator hired by the board and experienced in oversight of many universities. Dr. Magee provided very interesting information and answered questions asked by various faculty members.

Old Business:

Associated Student Body President Kenneth Thomas met with student representatives regarding the Faculty Senate's question of use of the student gymnasium for a facility fee. The monies of the fee would be used towards various student fundraisers including the recently discussed Habitat for Humanity house. Dr. Dan Jones had estimated \$25 per faculty as a contribution to the project. Mr. Thomas informed us by letter that the students voted

against that our idea of use of the gym for a facility fee. They stated that the space of 1000 square feet to accommodate over 1700 students was the main issue. They formally recommended to Dr. Jones that an exercise space be designated and funded for the faculty. At this point faculty donations will be voluntary towards this fundraiser. Pretax deduction of such donations is something that we would like Dr. Jones to implement.

Dr. Binford Nash discussed the proposed amendments to UMC Faculty Senate Constitution. These will be voted on at the March 17, 2006 meeting. Changes will include striking “full time”, “Assistant Professor”, “Associate Professor”, and changing the quorum. Adding the “School of Pharmacy” thus increasing the number of Senators will also be discussed. Be prepared to discuss and vote on these items.

Meeting for April will be April 21, 2006 with speaker Dr. John Hall

Meeting for May will be May 19, 2006. Dr. Rockhold will speak on faculty development.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Franks Newcomb, MD