

University of Mississippi Medical Center
September 2005 Faculty Senate Meeting

Date: September 16, 2005

Time: 1 PM

Place: D502, School of Dentistry

Attending: Pia Chatterjee Kirk, Margaret Drake, James Fitchie, Becca Pearson, Marshall Bouldin, Kathy Gregg, Binford Nash, Christina Barlow, Honey East, Stanley Chapman, Olga McDaniel, Carol Newcomb, Mahmoud Salem, LaVerne Grant, Laura Schenk, Renee Williams, Virginia Segrest, John Kermode, and Jonathan Fratkin

President Jonathan Fratkin called the meeting to order at 1:15.

Approval of May Minutes

Stanley Chapman motioned to approve and Virginia Secrest motioned to second approval of May minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.

Faculty Senate Website

Over the summer, Binford Nash developed a website for faculty senate. To get to website go to Welcome bar on UMC Intranet and select Faculty Senate web page. It contains a copy of the constitution, members, eligibility, minutes from meetings and future meeting information. One may also access from the UMMC website if outside the University system. The link to UMC from the Internet is www.umc.edu. The Faculty Senate link there is at the top left tab: Education.

New Business:

Election of Officers

Jonathan Fratkin opened the floor for nominations.

Honey East nominated Mahmoud Salem for president-elect.

Mahmound Salem nominated Carol Newcomb for secretary-elect.

Both accepted and were elected.

Preparation for Dr. Dan Jones visit in October

Suggested topics for discussion (first five in order of importance)

- A faculty dining room is still not available. The faculty senate was to get back with Dr. Jones re: our preferences for faculty dining. Discussion focused around what our preferences are for the setting. It was agreed upon that the faculty would be willing to pay for a nicer facility on campus. When and where can this be arranged?

- Could a routine day care such as the one set up during the hurricane be arranged?

- Why can't times be arranged for faculty use the gymnasium facilities at the Student Union? If this is not a possibility, could faculty use the Pavillion Physical Therapy facilities or other area after-hours?

- Can we get easier and more consistent access to online journals?

-Who is going to run the hospital? Can the President of the Faculty Senate sit on the search committee?

Additional Questions

- Why can't faculty leave over times when students are away from campus?
- Why on storm day were we asked to take personal leave?
- Given reconstruction and loss of revenue, will the financial situation of the State of Mississippi affect us?
- The Clarion Ledger stated that administrators salary rose 14% last year, and hospital staff such as nurses got raises, yet faculty salary remained the same- why is this?
- What can we do to raise faculty morale?
- Senators will also go back to respective schools and ask for any other questions the faculty may have for Dr. Jones.

Library Issues

The library is working on a contract for University Medical Center to share titles with The University of Mississippi Undergraduate School, Mississippi State and Southern Mississippi. It would allow online access. The national trend is to drop the printed form and keep the electronic form. Much more is coming on this matter and the faculty will be informed.

Old Business:

Faculty Award

There is a desire to set up an award to honor a faculty member to be selected by faculty members. The sub-committee will meet and come up with recommendations on this.

Meeting adjourned at 2 PM.