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FACULTY SENATE

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FACULTY SENATE Minutes

DATE: January 21, 2005

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: D502, School of Dentistry

Present: Scott Gatewood, Joyce Titus, Margaret Drake, Olga McDaniel, Mahmoud Salem, Christina Barlow, La Verne Grant, Jonathan Fratkin, William Lushbaugh, Virginia Segrest, John Kermode, Scott Phillips, Ruth Burgess, Becca Peasron, James Bofill, Cheryl Hardy, Laura Schenk, Scottye Lee as alternate for Jim Fitchie and Srinamdr as alternate for Honey East,

The minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved.

Future topics for discussion in the upcoming meetings were suggested.

- Enhancing the roll of the Faculty Senate with the possibility of developing a website
- Enhancing faculty morale – possibly a meeting with Jim Hutchins, an assistant to the Vice Chancellor
- Dr. John Hall and his agenda in his new roll as head of Research & Grants.
- Leslie Boyd from Learning Services – on new computer possibilities.
- Ada Seltzer on library issues
- E-Learning – Blackboard Program - Wm. Lushbaugh
- Minority Affairs with Dr. Jasmine Taylor

These will be prioritized later but next month, we will discuss enhancing the roll of the Faculty Senate.

The following changes to the Faculty Senate constitution were approved and will be submitted to the entire faculty.

Deleted words are italicized

Added words are bolded.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

2-2. Elected Members. Elected members shall be drawn from and elected by the full time faculties of Schools at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

School of Dentistry
School of Health Related Professions
School of Medicine
School of Nursing
University Medical Center

- (a) *Each School shall be considered a member of the Faculty Senate.* (agreed upon unanimously) Each School shall have at least two senators as a basic representation without regard to faculty size.
- (b) For every thirteen (13) full-time faculty members, **a school is allocated one (1) additional senator.**
- (c) The total number of senators in the Faculty Senate shall not exceed 24, but it may be less. As the faculty size increases, it will be necessary to dilute the senator to faculty ratio to 1:14, 1:15 and so on to keep the number of senators within the limit. (b & c are retained through a 17 to 1 vote to do so.)
- (d) **Senators shall serve three years with terms expiring June 30 of the third year. Senators may serve a second consecutive term at the pleasure of the School represented. At no time should all Senators from one school rotate off the same year.**

The Senate shall consist of three classes. These shall rotate at the rate of one class per year so that each senator shall serve three years with his term expiring June 30th of the year by which his class is designated. When a new division is added, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a two year term, the one receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a two-year term, and the one receiving the third highest number of votes will serve for a one-year term. (The suggestions of the committee were accepted unanimously that the bolded will be substituted for the italicized.)

2-3. Eligibility. Any full time faculty member (with the exception of **administrative faculty** *ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate*) who **(1) holds the rank of Instructor or higher and (2) has been a full time faculty member** of the University of Mississippi Medical Center **for one year immediately preceding the effective date of office is eligible for election.** When a new **school is established at the University of Mississippi Medical Center,** faculty with rank of **Instructor** or higher will be eligible for election to the Senate immediately. A senator, whose regular term expires, **may serve a second consecutive term at the pleasure of the School represented.** However, if a faculty member were elected specifically to fill

an unexpired term of one year or less, that member may stand for re-election. **A faculty member may be reelected for a third term after a one year absence from the Senate.** (This section was accepted unanimously with the marked changes.)

1-4. Method of Election

After one month, the Executive Committee shall meet, open the sealed unmarked envelopes and count the votes. Ballots returned with less than the appropriate number of marked names shall be considered valid ballots. Within each school the appropriate number of senators receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected and the results announced at the May meeting. In the case of a tie, the persons under consideration shall draw lots from the Secretary in the presence of representatives of the Executive Committee. (These changes were accepted unanimously.)

1-5 *Delete* (accepted unanimously)

2-6 Attendance

A senator who is unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting is required **to make arrangements for another faculty member from that school. The faculty member shall sit in the absence of that senator and have all of the privileges and responsibilities of the absent senator.** A senator failing to attend three consecutive senate meetings without *notifying making arrangements for* an alternate shall be considered to have resigned from the Senate and shall be replaced by **special election of the affected school.** *The first alternate If either the first or second alternate fails to attend two consecutive requested meetings, the alternate will be considered to have resigned and will be replaced by the next highest voted nominee on record in that division.* (Accepted unanimously as indicated)

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

3-4. Election of Officers. The new officers shall be elected **by** the full Senate (excluding ex-officio members) at the first meeting of the academic year. It shall be the responsibility of the President to announce the eligible candidates for President Elect and Secretary Elect to the Faculty Senate Membership prior to that meeting. **All senators are eligible.** (Carried by a 12-5 vote.) *Except that the same office may not be held by a member from the same division in successive years. A division, as well, may not be represented by more than one officer in the same class. If two members from the same division receive the most votes for two different officers, the member selected for the lesser office will be ineligible and the successful candidate for that office would be the member from a different division with the highest number of votes. Members of the Faculty Senate will elect officers from those members who are eligible and wish to be considered for an office, regardless of the School*

they represent. Officers may serve two consecutive terms. (Carried by a 10-3 vote.)

ARTICLE IV. VACANCIES

4-1. Senate Seats. If a senate seat becomes vacant, *it shall be filled by the person receiving the next highest number of votes in the election originally filling that seat, consistent with the provisions in section 2-4 through 2-5.* **a special election will be held by the school affected.** (Carried unanimously)

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

9-3. Adoption by Faculty. *A written notice then shall be sent to each faculty member (as defined in section 2-4) describing the proposed amendment. After the next regular meeting, the faculty members thus notified shall be balloted by mail.* (Carried unanimously)

Section 2.2 was approved as corrected (remove Graduate School and retain a modified version of 2.d) on 11-19-04

Section 2.3 was approved on 11-19-04

Article X was deleted in its entirety on 11-19-04

Other changes are based on discussion of the Faculty Senate on 11-19-04

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary