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FACULTY SENATE
2006-07 TERM MINUTES

DATE: March 16, 2007

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: D502, School of Dentistry

PRESIDING: Binford Nash, President

PRESENT: Dentistry: James Lott and Pia Chatterjee Kirk
SHRP: Ken Heard and Sandra Horne
Medicine: Ramarao Takkallapalli, Stan Chapman, Olga
McDaniel, Aimin Liu as substitute for Parminder Vig,
Arthur Calimaran, Michelle Horne, Robert Forbes, and
Ben Nash
Nursing: Laura Schenk
UMC Div.: John Kermode, Jonathan Fratkin, March Ard and
Mary Marquart

ABSENT: Dentistry: James Fitchie
SHRP: Becca Pearson
Medicine: Christina Barlow, Honey East, and Cheryl Hardy
Nursing: Renee Williams and LaVerne Grant

I. Call to order – Dr. Ben Nash

Dr. Ben Nash called the meeting to order.

II. Dr. Stringer – Explanation of E-Health Records

Dr. Stringer explained that the new e-health records system will be robust from a viewing standpoint in that every lab, X-ray, discharge summary, note, report, etc., for a given patient will be viewable. Two new types will help integration:

- A. Portal – is like a web browser for all of our systems
 - 1. pulls and presents as if it lives in one place
 - 2. single sign-on
 - 3. enhanced net access
- B. Touchworks – manufactured by AllScripts; like a web browser
 - 1. primarily an outpatient/ambulatory tool
 - 2. web-based
 - 3. allows us to input data
 - a. menu-driven

- b. voice recognition
- c. transcription can be sent out
- 4. ambulatory notes all in one place
- 5. better for accurate billing
- 6. lists meds, allergies, drug-drug interactions
- 7. can be customized
- 8. good teaching tool
- 9. e-prescriptions

We are partnering with Delta Health Alliance and will try to get up to 100 doctors using the electronic health record this year. The system will take 3 years to install. Dr. McDaniel asked if we will get training, and Dr. Stringer replied that we would. Dr. Nash recalled that the system can also track and monitor phone calls. Dr. Nash thanked Dr. Stringer for his visit with the Faculty Senate.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 16, 2007 were approved as written.

IV. Old Business

A. Follow-up on Faculty Dining Room

Dr. Nash announced Dr. Ferniany reported back from the Medical Staff Executive Committee meeting on March 7th that the issue regarding the dining room access had been revisited, and the vote resulted in open access to all Medical Center faculty.

B. Follow-up on Dr. Jones's Request for Faculty to Contribute Funds to the Medical Students' Habitat for Humanity Projects

Dr. Nash summarized some statistics associated with Habitat for Humanity, such as the building of 41 homes in 2006 and 35 thus far in 2007, the cost of each house as \$56,000, and the partnership with Gates Construction. He stated that it is a good project but does have a definite Christian emphasis. And, with hesitation to commit the entire faculty to the project on that basis, it might be better to leave the decision up to individual faculty members.

Dr. Schenk added that, although students other than those in the School of Medicine are invited to participate, the scheduling arranged for the project is not always accommodating to non-medical students. Dr. Forbes stated that the project is voluntary and should remain voluntary.

C. Follow-up Discussion Regarding Dr. Garth Bissette

Dr. Nash talked to Drs. Hall and Jones, and they reviewed the levels and variations in expectations of research. Dr. Hall said that the executive faculty has approved a 3-track tenure system:

- 1. research
- 2. teaching
- 3. service

The faculty/staff handbook was also reviewed regarding grievances. The Academic and Faculty Responsibility committee is supposed to review and respond to grievances. This committee and its function is part of the process in the termination of a given faculty member. Drs. Hall and Jones recommended that we should discuss post-tenure reviews with Dr. Turner. The next step would be for the faculty member in question to meet with the dean; and the department chair for that faculty member should have prior knowledge of this meeting. Dr. Jones' feeling was that the Faculty Senate's focus should be on issues of process in general—rather than the specifics of any one issue that eventually could be involved in the prescribed due process system.

The following were comments regarding this issue:

Dr. Nash reminded the Senate of Dr. Bisette's suggestion of a 5-year block review. Dr. Kermode stated that maybe the Faculty Senate should have a say in post-tenure review. Dr. Nash asked if we should invite Turner to discuss the issue with us, and several members said "yes." Dr. Fratkin asked if yearly reviews in most departments were perfunctory unless there was a problem. Dr. Nash answered that he did not know. Another member said that his/her department does not give feedback. Dr. McDaniel said that in Surgery, they have the opportunity to meet and review. Dr. Forbes said that his department members have annual meetings with their chair. Dr. Chapman stated that, in the Department of Medicine, the division directors are evaluated by their chair and their own faculty; the evaluation must be signed by the evaluator and the person under evaluation. Dr. Schenk said that the review process in Nursing is formal as well. Dr. Ard suggested that we find out what other universities do regarding this review process. Dr. Fratkin said he would find out what UAB does about post-tenure reviews and annual feedback.

V. New Business

None

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be April 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Marquart
Secretary-Elect