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FACULTY SENATE
2005-2006 MINUTES

DATE: March 17, 2006
TIME: 1:00PM
PLACE D 502, School of Dentistry
PRESIDING: Jonathan Fratkin, President

Attending: March Ard, Christina Barlow, Margaret Drake, Stanley Chapman, James Fitchie, Jonathan Fratkin, LaVerne Grant, Kathy Gregg, Cheryl Hardy, Ken Heard for Joyce Titus, John Kermod, Pia Kirk, Connie Machado for Virginia Segrest, Olga McDaniel, Binford Nash, Carol Newcomb, Mahmoud Salem

President Jonathan Fratkin called the meeting to order at 1:03PM

Minutes from meeting on February 16, 2006 were unanimously approved. Motion made by March Ard, second by Margaret Drake.

New Business:

Binford Nash opened discussion regarding possible changes to the Faculty Senate constitution. The intent of the changes being suggested was to allow for representation of Veterans Administration Hospital faculty and School of Pharmacy faculty on the Faculty Senate. Lengthy discussion took place. No motion resulted. The group recommended we extend a special invitation to faculty at the VA Hospital and School of Pharmacy to attend the Faculty Senate meetings. After six months we would then look at their attendance to assess genuine interest. At that time we would revisit a change to the constitution as it pertains to membership and calculation of the ratio to determine the total number of senators from each division. We requested Dr. Nash to keep his materials on this subject.

March Ard opened discussion regarding a reward system for recognition of people spending more time on teaching and service at UMC (separate from research). The group discussed how this might be done and who would be recognized. A motion was made by March Ard and seconded by Margaret Drake for the Faculty Senate President to take a message to the Faculty Development Committee advising there to be administrative recognition of faculty for teaching and service.

Discussion also took place regarding the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). SACS will visit UMC in 2011 for re-accreditation of the medical school. The medicine faculty voiced a generalized impression that the med students were having less appreciation for the correlation of the basic sciences to the clinical care years. Concern was also expressed over new medical student class attendance requirements and whether attendance requirements would be acceptable to SACS. Concern was also expressed as to how the lesser requirements would impact grades as well as work ethic.

Old Business:

Olga McDaniel had discussed space availability for a faculty cafeteria on 6East. Dr. David Dzielak and Ron Horn, Director of Physical Facilities have been contacted. We have not heard back from them.

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 was adjourned at 2:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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