
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

School of Medicine & Health Sciences Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 15, 2015

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Simon, Anton Sidawy, Michael Berrigan, Donald Karcher, William Weglicki, Robert Hawley, Joyce Maring, Narine Sarvazyan, Shawneequa Callier, Margaret Plack, April Barbour, David Frankfurter

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Akman, Vincent Chiappinelli, Joseph Bocchino, Ester Roberts, Alan Wasserman, Raymond Lucas, Robert Zeman, Jeffrey Sich

ABSENT: Imtiaz Khan, Lawrence D'Angelo, Mark Batshaw, Robert Miller, Ellen Costello, Robert Shesser, Richard Simons

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

2. The minutes for the meeting of November 17, 2015 were approved as distributed.

3. SMHS Financial Update.

Lance Kaplan, SMHS Associate Dean for Finance presented the SMHS budget from the 2015 fiscal year, outlining sources of revenue and expenses for the school. The school met its operating costs, but used approximately five million dollars of reserves to fund new initiatives, largely start up packages for research intensive faculty for the new GW Cancer Center, Center of Neglected Diseases of Poverty (HIV) and the Neurosciences Institute.

4. Dean's Report.

- Dean Akman reported that the renewal of the academic affiliation agreement between SMHS and CNHS is in process and should be complete soon after a joint meeting in January. There is a consulting firm that is reviewing finances within the MFA.
- The self study for the LCME accreditation process has been completed. There will be a mock site visit in January and the actual site visit from the LCME is February 22-24.
- After a national search, Kevin Pelfry has been named the new director of the Autism and Neurodevelopment Institute (AND) at GW. His faculty appointment will be in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology in SMHS. The AND Institute initiative is expect to result in the recruitment of 2 faculty in SMHS, 2 from CNHS and additional faculty from MISPH.
- The university has initiated additional cuts to central administrative overhead and is revised its budget such that money saved has been moved into schools for more local control of operations and some expenditures.
- The current intersession for the medical students includes a session at the White House with GW medical students making proposals on how to end HIV to the White House AIDS Czar, Douglas Brooks.
- The SMHS Holiday party is Thursday December 17.

4. Report from the University Faculty Senate.

Anton Sidawy reported that a resolution to amend the faculty organization plan to allow non-tenured faculty to serve in the Senate failed to get the necessary 2/3 vote, even though a majority of faculty present were in favor. There is a

follow-up proposal to exclude the SMHS from this requirement. The SMHS exclusion will still need a 2/3 vote at the next University Faculty Assembly.

5. Update on Searches.

Dr. Lucas gave an update on searches.

- Dr. Leslie Davidson has accepted the position as Chair for the Department of Clinical Research and Leadership and processes for hiring and faculty appointment are in process.
- The search for the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Administration is in progress. Two of three finalists have visited campus for interviews and the remaining one will be in January.
- The search committee for the Sr. Associate Dean for Health Sciences will be slated at today's meeting.

6. Appointment of Search Committee Membership for Sr. Associate Dean for Health Sciences Search.

Dean Akman will name a chair and will add some *ex officio* members since the tenure requirement excludes representation from the Department of Physician Assistant Studies.

Nominations received from the faculty were reviewed and the following membership was approved by a unanimous vote:

- Four (4) faculty members from the health sciences departments, one (1) of whom is a chair of a department; Mary Corcoran (Clinical Research & Leadership); Margaret Plack (Physical Therapy & Health Care Sciences); Joyce Maring (Chair, Physical Therapy & Health Care Sciences); Ellen Costello (Physical Therapy & Health Care Sciences)
- Two (2) faculty members from the basic sciences departments, one (1) of whom is a chair of a department; Vince Chiappinelli (Chair, Physiology & Pharmacology); Sylvia Silver (MITM)
- Two (2) faculty from the clinical departments, one (1) of whom is a chair of a department. Don Karcher (Chair, Pathology); Bruno Petinaux, (Emergency Medicine)
- One (1) health sciences student will be appointed to this committee as a voting member.

7. Membership of Search Committees for Assistant/Associate Deans and Department Chairs.

A discussion was held regarding potential changes to the SMHS Bylaws in the composition of search committees in the School, particularly those for Associate and Assistant Deans. The revised Faculty Code allows more school control of the composition, including non-tenured faculty being allowed to serve as members. Overall, the committee was in favor of less prescriptive language for the composition of search committees but still is in favor for representation from all types of departments – clinical, basic science and health sciences. Dr. Lucas will draft language for suggested changes to reflect the sentiments of the discussion and will bring them to the next meeting.

8. New Business.

A motion was made to approved the replacement of Dr. Khin Khin with Dr. Vanessa Torres on the Medical Student Evaluation Committee. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Raymond Lucas/Jeffrey J. Sich

Meeting Dates for 2016

All Meetings on Thursdays in Ross TBA

January 28; February 25; March 24; April 28; May 26; June 23; July 28; August 25; September 22; Oct 27
December 1 (due to the Thanksgiving and Winter holidays)