

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate January 9, 2008

In Attendance: James Evans, David Vines, Peter Gakunga, Ronald Verrett, William Clark, Keith Krolick, William Morgan, Krista Bowers, Mark Nadeau, Krista Bowers, Daniel Johnson, Rajeshwar Rao Tekmmal, Margaret Brackley, Rebecca Garcia-Michels, and Catherine Robichaux

Absent: Helen Sorenson, Catherine Ortega, Bennett Amaechi, Barry Norling, Renee Yew, Deborah Baruch-Bienen, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Robert Nolan, Leticia Vargas, and Mickey Parsons

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration
Brian Cartee, Dir/Adm Computer Systems
Jan Patterson, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine
Kay Avant, Prof & Chair/R&L Zeller Prfsh- Family Nursing

Convened: 4:05 PM

University Topics: Updates

Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

- 1) Joe and Teresa Long's donated \$25 million to the Health Science Center which was one of the single largest gifts in the HSC's history. Half of this donation (\$12.5 million) will be used for scholarships in medicine, nursing, graduate, and physician assistant studies. The other half of the donation will be used for endowments (\$6.25 million) to advance medical research that alleviates suffering and focuses on diabetes and other illnesses that are most prevalent in South Texas; and for faculty enrichment endowments (\$6.25 million) to support research and teaching, including two new \$1 million endowed distinguished chairs.
- 2) Faculty Promotion and Tenure Workshops will be Thursday, January 24 for non-tenure track and Friday, February 8th for tenure track. Flyers were handed out and request was made for volunteers to help lead small-group discussions.
- 3) SACS visit will be February 19 – 21. An email will be sent to provide a summary of the Quality Enhancement Plan. Please review the document.

University Topics: Report from Web-based Faculty Profiles Workgroup

Brian Cartee, Director of Administrative Computer Systems, Dept. Integrated Management Information Systems

Jan Patterson, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine

A group was formed to address faculty data and profiles. The members were: Gary Guest, Lydia Leos – Dental School; Larry Barnes, Cathy Poehnert, Janice Smith - Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; Robert Badgett, Jan Patterson, Jan Wilson – School of Medicine; Kay Avant – School of Nursing; Douglas Murphy – School of Allied Health Sciences; Sara Boettcher, Dan Perugini – VP of Research, Robert Kaminski – VP of Academic Administration; Brian Cartee – IMS. The goal was to improve the visibility of activities and expertise of the HSC's faculty. The faculty profiles will be accessible over the web and searchable. The profiles would be created from a subset of eCV data; such as current positions, higher degrees (MD, PhD, DDS, EdD, JD, Masters....), active teaching, publications within last 5 years, and grants within last 2 years. This information could also be used to generate reports and be linked to other websites. The eCV view titled "Profile for Website" is ready and available for Faculty. The profile will be made accessible from within the HSC network starting in February and made available to the public (outside the HSC network) starting in March. Brian provided us with several examples of the profiles.

Concerns were voiced over grant information being available to patients and animal rights groups. The concerns were noted. The question was asked if faculty can choose to suppress information that they did not want viewed. This may be possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.