Faculty Council
College of Public Health and Health Professions
Minutes
July 30, 2012
CHP Conference Room HPNP 3170

Faculty Council Members Present: Afsar Ali, Joel Bialosky, Dawn Bowers (chair), Robert Cook, Lisa Edmonds, Joanne Foss, Emily Pugh, Mary Ellen Young

Others present: Dean Michael Perri

Faculty Council Members Absent: Jeff Harman, Arlene Naranjo

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm
2. Introductions were made for new and returning members
3. Dean Perri provided an update including:
   a. Additional budget cuts are coming to the university because the tuition increase was cut from 15% to 9%. It is unknown at this time how college budgets will be affected.
   b. The Presidential search process is underway.
   c. His meeting with faculty members in Biostatistics to discuss chair search.
4. Minutes from June 25, 2012 were reviewed and approved.
5. Faculty council meeting dates and times will remain the same (4th Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, except for December). Chair will poll absent members to make sure the schedule works for them.
6. Young agreed to serve as Secretary and prepare minutes of each Faculty Council meeting.
7. The roles and responsibilities of the vice-chair were discussed. The vice-chair will become chair the next year. One member expressed interest and another absent member was discussed as a possibility. The advantage of having either tenured or non-tenure track faculty as chair of Faculty Council was discussed. Chair will discuss further with absent faculty member and will conduct email vote before next meeting.
8. Bowers gave an update on the committee assignments for this year and what slots still need to be filled. She asked that FC members help with making sure the unknown slots are filled.
9. Further discussion was held about the T&P issues, including the potential increase from 7 to 10 years and consistency with the College of Medicine. Young had suggested that faculty forums be held during the fall semester to solicit input on faculty concerns. Four FC members volunteered to conduct the sessions (Young, Bowers, Edmonds and Cook). We would like to invite T&P committee members to join us. (Cook can serve in both roles as he is on T&P as well as FC.) Bowers agreed to speak with the chair of the T&P committee and to make sure the Dean is supportive of this plan. Senate approval would be needed to make this change, once the change is approved at the college level.
10. New business was called for. Bowers asked for input on goals for this year.
   a. Young reported that a review of shared governance is called for in the constitution “at least every 5 years” and presented a draft of a faculty survey to be conducted this year.
   b. Bowers discussed frustrations with the presentation of FC and committee information on the website. She will initiate a conversation with IT about how to improve visibility.
   c. Concerns were expressed about transparency of the RCM and guidance needed about course offerings. Foss reiterated that RCM is used to determine how money
is allocated to the colleges, not to the departments. Young pointed out that shared
governance also should be implemented at the departmental level. Variability about
RCM and budget transparency across departments in the college was discussed.
11. Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded at 6:10 pm.