Chair Sadee called the meeting of the Pharmacy Faculty Council to order on March 11, 2002 at 2:02 p.m. in Room S-936. A quorum was present.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2002 were approved.

Chairs Announcements

Chair Sadee announced that this would be his last Faculty Council meeting. He reminded the Council that his last day with the School of Pharmacy would be April 1, 2002.

Deans Announcements

Dean Koda-Kimble announced that a budget call was distributed to Department Chairs in preparation for a budget proposal from the School of Pharmacy.

Angela Hawkins, Associate Dean of Administration, added that there are no anticipated budget cuts for the 2002-03 Academic year, however the Dean’s Office is preparing for cuts in 2003-04. She noted that no additional funding for cost of living would be provided resulting in a de facto budget cut.

Dean Koda-Kimble announced that Kathleen Giacomini, a University at Buffalo alumnus, will be the inaugural speaker in the recently established Gerhard Levy Distinguished Lecture series.

Presentation on Academic Budget & Planning
Tony Hunt and Jane Norbeck addressed concerns expressed at the Faculty Council meeting of February 11, 2002. General concerns of the Faculty Council with regard to AP&B were:

- The possibility of an external organization negatively impacting the budget of the School of Pharmacy.
- The sharing of budget information across the Schools could negatively impact the competition for monies distributed to the individual Schools.
- The lack of understanding that AP&B Committee members would have with regard to the nuances of the School of Pharmacy and its budget.
- The impact of the Committee on a budget process that is already in place and working effectively.

Dr. Norbeck informed the Council members that only the Faculty Council would have access to budget items pertaining specifically to the school. The scope of AP&B’s role in the budget review would be confined to campus level issues.

Dr. Hunt referred to the draft budget proposal distributed by Dr. D. Bikle, Chair of the Academic Senate, which acknowledged that Faculty Councils are the appropriate place for individual School budgets to be developed and discussed especially in areas unique to individual schools. He added that the Academic Planning and Budget committee is the appropriate place for budgets to be discussed as they impact or potentially may impact other schools or the campus as a whole.

Dean Koda-Kimble reiterated the concern that the sharing of budget information across the four Schools could negatively impact the competition for monies distributed to the individual Schools. Dr. Norbeck reminded that Dean that only information that could potentially impact other schools would be distributed to AP&B.

The Faculty Council agreed to review the draft budget proposal and continue discussions on the matter at the next meeting.

**Faculty Council Liaisons to School and Senate Committees**

The Faculty Council considered a proposal to improve the flow of information into the Council by creating a system whereby each Council member would be identified as a liaison to a School or other Academic Senate Committee reporting monthly to the Faculty Council on action items of their Committees. The Faculty Council requested that alternative methods of gathering information be researched such as the creation of a listserv to request the information from School of Pharmacy Committee Representatives.

**Student Report**

Julie Lee, President of the School of Pharmacy Student Body, expressed concerns about limited access for disabled indicating that there is a student who is confined to a wheelchair who was unable to take a rotation that she was interested in because it was not wheelchair accessible. M. Winter informed the student representative that accommodations were made for the student in question to complete the rotation at a different site that was wheelchair accessible.

Julie informed the Faculty Council that a listserv will be created for the Policy and Management pathway to allow students to share information with other pathway students.
Old Business

Consideration of Communication to the Chair of the Academic Senate regarding Academic Planning & Budget Committee Restructure Proposal

The Faculty Council reviewed the letter drafted to Dr. D. Bikle, Chair of the Academic Senate, regarding the Faculty Council’s support of the Dean’s amendments to the AP&B Restructure Proposal. The Council APPROVED the letter unanimously and recommended the letter be distributed to Chair Bikle.

New Business

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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