Chair Chafetz called the meeting of the School of Nursing (SON) Faculty Council to order on Friday, September 19 at 9:10 a.m. in Room N 319D. A quorum was present.

The minutes of June 19, 2008 were approved.

**Chair’s Report**
Chair Chafetz reported on the following topics:

- Possible funding models for information technology and infrastructure
- Economic crisis’ impact on gifts and development
- Faculty involvement in the review of the Development Office funding model

The Faculty Council discussed possible members to the Senate task force reviewing the Development Office funding model. R. Newcomer was suggested as a qualified representative. Nancy Donaldson volunteered if another more experienced faculty member does not ask to serve. Christine Kennedy suggested other faculty members, whom she will poll for interest.

**Dean's Report**
Associate Dean Z. Mirsky reported on the following topics:

- Possible state budget, UC budget, and impact on the School of Nursing
- Pay issues for state contract employees and funding/staffing concerns
- Considering certain budget plans and constraints, some financing will be based on the “Wimpy” system (“I will be gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today.”).
- Weekly meetings of task force senior administrators regarding IT funding issues and information security;
- Encryption and security programs
- Review of the School of Nursing Strategic Plan (2004-2009), which is closely aligned to the new Campus Strategic Plan; The School will revisit the SON Strategic Plan to identify successes, areas for renewed attention, and new goals.

**Department Reports**
*Family Health Care Nursing*
- Leadership changes in the department.

*Community Health Systems*
Festive wedding reports. Two new faculty: Kevin McGirr (MEPN), Carole Dawson-Rose (global Health). Other searches ongoing.

Physiological Nursing Department
- At the recent meeting discussed harsh realities of budget concerns and entrepreneurial opportunities; such as packaging innovation of senior investigators, podcasting CE materials, strategic partnerships with industry, and others.

Discussion followed. It was agreed that the other departments and the School as a whole should work together on such initiatives. M. Lynch and N. Donaldson proposed drafting a memo on this topic to be shared with the departments and solicit input regarding local issues and gauge the interest on moving forward on such initiatives.

B. Phoenix pointed out the need for faculty development on applying business models or developing opportunities.

Motion:
N. Donaldson will do some independent fact finding on the issue, interview those in other departments, and send a memo to the departments reporting that the Faculty Council is exploring entrepreneurial and business development opportunities within the school and would welcome response and participation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Two new faculty: Shari Dworkin and Susan Chapman

Student Report
No report.

Final Review of SON Committee Appointments (Attachment 1)
The Faculty Council reviewed and approved the school committee assignments for 2008-2009.

Z. Mirsky reported that the Student Health Committee (campus-wide) needs a new SON representative. The Committee nominated Michael Terry as an excellent representative.

Discussion of Hot Topics for the October Full Faculty Meeting
The Faculty Council discussed the following suggestions for Hot Topics:

- Plagiarism-Check Software for the School of Nursing
- Report from the MS Curriculum Revision Task Force

The Faculty Council decided that the curriculum review would be better presented to the full faculty than in a hot topic session.

C. Kennedy suggested that the topic of “plagiarism-check software” spins negative and the issue should be couched in a larger “new technology for faculty instructors” presentation. There is also the emerging issue of campus-supported reference software (EndNote versus RefWorks). B. Phoenix suggested that the Hot Topic focus on “Student Writing” and include the topics of writing skills and plagiarism and reference notation software.

The Faculty Council discussed the different committees focusing on technology.
The Faculty Council decided to appoint the current casual technology committee meeting with Chris Garrett as an ad hoc committee on technology issues which will make a Hot Topic presentation in February. M. Lynch will take the lead on this issue.

The Hot Topic for October will be “A Focus on Student Writing” and include (1) anti-plagiarism software (2) EndNote versus RefWorks, and (3) writing samples and resources for students.

Discussion of Issues and Concerns for the 2008-2009 Faculty Council

The Faculty Council discussed ongoing and emerging concerns the SON faculty.

The Faculty Council would like to gather all SON faculty serving on Senate committees together to share what is going on in the various committees, across the campus and across the UC system. This meeting will take place in November or December (to give the committees time to start their work) during the Faculty Council meeting time.

The Faculty Council revisited the decision to form a School of Nursing Workgroup to Develop Guidelines and Procedures to Evaluate Student and Faculty Professional Behavior. Faculty Council members will take this back to their departments, solicit participants, and report back to the Faculty Council.

Other ongoing issues include:

- Curriculum review
- Student health coverage
- Credits for students and international education
- Student use of technology in the classroom
- Information sharing from SON committees

C. Kennedy, who served on a University (systemwide) committee on international education, will follow up with Janice Humphreys (Vice Chair of Education Policy) and Erika Froelicher regarding the concern of student credits for international study.

The issue of the proliferation of self-funded programs has been taken up by the Graduate Council.

Gerri Collins-Bride would like address the Faculty Council on behalf of the Faculty Practice Executive Committee, and she will be added to the October agenda.

The Faculty Council would also like to hear from the SON representatives to the Clinical Affairs Committee regarding their foci this year.

Wilson Hardcastle was asked to give a tour of the Senate website at the next full faculty meeting, to which he modestly agreed.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Chafetz adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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