

School of Medicine Faculty Council

Tim Kelly, MD, Chair

Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

PRESENT: Tim Kelly (Chair), Lydia Zablotska (Vice Chair), Thomas Chi, Susannah Cornes, Matthew Haight, Robert Hiatt, Catherine Lucey, Reza Vagefi

ABSENT: Robert Baron, Renee Binder, Marcelle Cedars, Cynthia Curry, Jialing Liu, Talmadge King, Dana Rohde, Hope Rugo

GUESTS: Susan Masters, Associate Dean of Curriculum; Maxine Papadakis, Associate Dean of Students

Chair Tim Kelly called the Faculty Council meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in room MH-2110. A quorum was present.

Chair's Report

Chair Kelly deferred the Chairs and Directors report to member Robert Hiatt. The following items were reported:

- **Education Funds Flow Model:** Over the past several months, the Chairs and Directors have been discussing how best to finance the proposed Education Funds Flow model. After considering several different options, the group decided to support the new educational financing model by increasing the tax that the Dean's Office levies on each department.
- **School of Medicine Governance:** Dean King challenged the group members to have a robust discussion on the efficacy of the current SOM governance structure. Dean King asked whether the school should maintain the current governance structure, create new groups, or reduce the number and size of its committees. Discussion on the issue focused on the efficiency of the decision-making process. If there are a lot of groups, or the groups have large number of members, then decision-making process can be slow. If groups are smaller, then decisions can be made more quickly. However, there will be less representation from all of the SOM constituencies. When the discussion was complete, there was a consensus that the chairs and directors group and the number of committees should remain the same size. More discussion may occur at a later meeting.
- **Financial Report:** The Dean provided the group with a report on the financial status of the School. According to the report, the School of Medicine is in a solid financial position.

Senate Analyst Report

Senate Analyst Artemio Cardenas provided the following report:

- **Elections:** SOM Faculty Council elections will be conducted soon. There are four vacancies on the Council for the 2016-2017 term. The Council will also need to elect a vice chair soon.
- **Meeting with the Dean:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the Dean will not be able to attend a Faculty Council meeting until July. Analyst Cardenas asked the Council members whether they would like to have a July meeting, or have an ad hoc meeting with Dean over the next few months. Council members requested an ad hoc meeting.

Bylaw Revisions

Associate Dean of Susan Masters and Associate Dean of Student Maxine Papadakis attended the Council meeting to present a series of proposed changes to the Academic Senate Division and Faculty Council bylaws. Two sets of bylaw changes are proposed.

Division Regulation SFR 785: Grades – Candidates for the M.D Degree

The School of Medicine is proposing revisions to Division Regulation 785 to accomplish the following goals:

- Update the bylaws to today's practices. The last update occurred in 1992.
- Align the rules with the local School of Medicine regulation on grading. The School of Medicine Faculty Council Regulation on grading is not consistent with SFR 785.
- Promote clarity by grouping all possible grades into two categories and describe each grade in more detail. In particular, the honors policy is clarified.

Appendix IV: Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures of the School of Medicine

The School of Medicine is proposing revisions to Appendix IV to accomplish the following goals:

- Update the bylaws to today's practices.
- Clarify and streamline language.
- Align with the new Bridges Curriculum that will be implemented soon.
- Update Standing Committee membership and practices.
- Updating of regulations on admissions; classification of courses; grades and credit, student progress; and temporary or permanent separation of students from the school.

Council member reviewed the proposed changes. After discussion, Council members voted to approve of all revisions. The proposed set of bylaws will continue through the Academic Senate legislative approval process.

2016 Faculty Development Fund Application Review

Council members reviewed the application from the Faculty Development Fund. Members discussed and made the final selections.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Chair Kelly adjourned the Council meeting at 5:00pm.

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