

Minutes of the March 2015 Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 5 PM
R1-106 Conference Room

Officers Present:

President – Laurence Solberg	President Elect – TBD
Vice President – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak (by phone)	Secretary – Jean Cibula
Past President – Nancy Hardt	Treasurer – Frank Bova

Officers Absent:

None

Department Representatives Present:

Thomas Buford – Aging & Geriatric Research	Emily Weber LeBrun – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Thomas Yang – Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Qihong Li – Ophthalmology
David Quillen – CHFM	Robert Matthias – Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation
Ann Church – Dermatology	Kevin Raisch – Otolaryngology
Robert Cook – Epidemiology	Elizabeth Brownlee – PA School
Francois Modave – Health Outcomes & Policy	Larry Fowler – Pathology
John Hiemenz-Medicine	Brian Law – Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Peggy Wallace – Molecular Genetics & Microbiology	Peter Sayeski – Physiology
Jada Lewis – Neuroscience	Richard Holbert – Psychiatry
Gregory Murad – Neurological Surgery	Judith Lightsey – Radiation Oncology
	Vincent Bird - Urology

Department Representatives Absent:

Maria Zajac-Kaye – Anatomy	Byron Petersen – Pediatrics
Sonia Mehta – Anesthesiology	Suzanne Mastin - Radiology
Arlene Naranjo – Biostatistics	Kfir Ben-David – Surgery
Thomas Payton – Emergency Medicine	
Diego Rincon-Limas – Neurology	

Invited Guests:

None

Minutes:

1. President Laurence Solberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The February Faculty Council meeting minutes were approved. Dr. Francois Modave from the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is substituting for Dr. Stephanie Staras while she is out of the office.
2. Executive Committee Report – Dr. Solberg
 - a. The Dean gave a report about the state Upper Payment Limits.
 - b. The Florida Physician Analysis Workforce Report was released, although the results are controversial. The report indicated that there will be a surplus of Geriatricians, Plastic

Surgeons, Pediatricians, and Family Physicians in Florida. The numbers that can be obtained at the Florida Licensing Board do not support these findings.

- c. It was decided at the College of Medicine Chairs' Retreat that the Senior Associate Deans would begin participating in workgroups within their specific areas. More information is forthcoming.
 - d. Dr. Scott Rivkees provided an update on the Department of Pediatrics regarding clinical expansion and funding.
 - e. Dr. Joseph Fantone provided an update on the (then) upcoming LCME site visit. Dr. Solberg noted that after the site visit, the Dean sent a letter to the faculty members involved informing them that the LCME report showed mostly positive findings, with a final report to be provided in approximately four months.
 - f. Dr. Stephen Sugrue discussed UF's new Integrated Research Support Tool (UFIRST) that will streamline workflow processes and improve transparency, tracking and reporting of proposals through awards.
 - g. Dr. Adrian Tyndall provided the Diversity Update and said that the Medical Student Office of Admissions is having success with recruiting.
 - h. Gary Wimsett gave an update on the Conflict of Interest program. The Electronic Disclosure of Outside Activities (eCOI) tool is now functional. He encouraged faculty members that have not yet registered in the system to do so as soon as possible.
 - i. Wayne Tharp gave an update on the financial report.
 - j. The Dean met with President Fuchs who informed him that tuition will be frozen for next year.
 - k. It was announced that Dr. Michael Okun is the Interim Chair of Neurology.
 - l. The Search Committees for the Chairs of Neurology and Urology have met and are beginning the search process. The Department of Psychiatry plans to do a Department Self-Assessment before beginning their Chair search.
3. Gator Care Faculty Task Force – Dr. Solberg
- a. There have been issues with Gator Care such as complaints about benefits, pricing, etc. Many decisions are being made about the health insurance coverage without any input from the faculty. Therefore, the Faculty Council Executive Board met and decided to form a Gator Care Faculty Task Force. The Task Force will meet with those making decisions about the health care coverage and will provide faculty input before the decisions are made. The Task Force will likely be comprised of Faculty Council representatives, but not limited to them.
 - b. Dr. Solberg nominated Dr. Frank Bova as Chair of the Task Force and the motion was seconded.
 - c. The Faculty Council Departmental Representatives will be forwarding an email to their departments seeking participation in the Task Force.
4. Lifetime Achievement Award nominations – Dr. Solberg
- a. Seven faculty members were nominated to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and the motions were seconded. The awardees are:
 - 1). **Linda S. Morgan, M.D.**
Professor & Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

- 2). **Mohan K. Raizada, Ph.D.**
Distinguished Professor
Department of Physiology & Functional Genomics
- 3) **William A. Friedman, M.D.**
Professor & Chair
Department of Neurosurgery
- 4). **Patricia L. Abbitt, M.D.**
Professor
Department of Radiology
- 5). **C. Richard Conti, M.D.**
Professor Emeritus, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
Department of Medicine
- 6). **Mary Lou Behnke, M.D.**
Professor, Division of Neonatology
Department of Pediatrics
- 7). **Paul C. Dell, M.D.**
Professor & Division Chief, Division of Hand and Upper Extremity
Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation

- b. The Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented at the upcoming Faculty Appreciation Reception to be held on April 1, 2015.

5. Paulus Award nomination – Dr. Solberg

- a. One faculty member was nominated for the Paulus Award and the motion was seconded. The faculty nominee was:

Jennifer K. Light, M.D.

Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Department
Chief, Division of Pediatric Division Emergency Medicine
Department of Emergency Medicine

6. President-Elect nomination – Dr. Solberg

- a. Dr. Peggy Wallace was nominated as the Faculty Council President-Elect and the motion was seconded. The Faculty Council will send out an email announcing the special election as was done last year. This will run for two weeks and then we will send out an election email with Dr. Wallace and who ever, if anyone, that is nominated for the vote.

7. Dr. Laurence Solberg adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 5PM in Room R1-106.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Liverman, Administrative Assistant, and edited by Dr. Jean Cibula.