Agenda
Faculty council
January 4, 2010

Attendance:
Present:
John Foxworth, PharmD (chair - SOM)
George Harris, MD, MS (TMC-LW)
Jerilyn Hart, DO (SL’s)
Mark Miller, MS (Center for Behavioral Medicine)
Stefan Nawab, MD (CBM)
Doug Swanson, MD (CMH)
Amber Wollesen, MD (SL’s)
Bob Yang, PhD (SOM)

Excused absence:
David Hermanns, MD, MPH (TMC-HH)
Tarek Srivastava, MD (CMH)

Guests present:
Paul Cuddy, PharmD
Dean Betty Drees, MD

Meeting called to order at 1635.

Agenda item 1:

Introduction of new members from SL’s: Dr. Amber Wollesen (née Henry - UMKC-SOM graduate, internal medicine resident and chief resident, then palliative care training at Kansas City Hospice and Dr. Jerilyn Hart (née Kenagy) UMKC internal medicine and hematology/oncology fellow).

Agenda item 2:

The university encourages discussion of the dean’s evaluation (conducted in 2009) with the faculty. Dr. Foxworth presented this at the October faculty council meeting (the dean could not attend) and Dean Drees was present at this meeting to follow-up that discussion and answer any questions. The chair summarized the evaluation on behalf of the dean, stating the survey was very positive, recognizing (for example) the dean’s availability to the faculty and fairness in allocating resources, among much other praise. No negative assessments were noted (the complete executive summary is attached).
3. Faculty council topic suggestions to the Dean for the annual dinner.

Members suggested that the Dean present a legislative update, discuss LCME preparation and self-study report (at least the two page summary, with strengths and weaknesses). Dr. Cuddy suggested a few minutes for a representative from each affiliate to present an update from their institution.

Dr. Swanson asked the dean to speak about details of the new master's program in informatic medicine and faculty development.

4. Faculty search via www.med.umkc.edu > faculty > faculty database directory

A brief demonstration was presented by the chair, of the faculty search capabilities of the database located in the faculty affairs office. Information to be provided was discussed, including pictures, faculty rank (both viewed favorably) and office phone numbers and e-mail addresses (viewed negatively). This database is searchable by the public so careful thought needs to be exercised.

5. Faculty Senate report

Dr. Foxworth summarized a public/private partnership (Oak street development) under development by the university which has the potential to create more classroom space, which might increase student numbers, thereby enhancing tuition potential.

Dr. Yang discussed concern voiced at faculty senate about a letter written by President Forsee supporting a coal-fired energy plant (and objecting to cap and trade which might increase energy costs) at the Columbia, MO campus.

6. Council member communication with their faculty: methodology of uploads and downloads, and reports from the affiliate members

Mark Miller: took the discussion of FACET (aimed at helping faculty improve their teaching) back to CBM, and invited a leader of FACET to visit a CBM faculty meeting 1/5/10.

Dr. Yang: reports on faculty senate to basic science. Also mentioned a self-improvement peer review scheduled to begin in 2010: goal is to improve teaching.

Dr. Hart: reported rapid growth for her hem/onc group at SL's.
Dr. Wollesen: hospice and palliative care at SL's and yr one/two docent.
Dr. Foxworth: reported that he has developed a listserv for SL's faculty which might help the new SL's members communicate with their faculty.

Dr. Nawab: reported he was providing satellite services in many small underserved Missouri towns.
Dr. Swanson: reported that he, along with Dr. Srivastava, is proving faculty council reports at CMH faculty meetings. CMH news: large expansion project began, has been held up by the economy, and will start back up soon. Dr. Kelly left, interim director Dr. Waraday.

Dr. Harris: reported that a search is underway for a new chair of Family Medicine and that the hospital (TMC-LW) has purchased new CT scanner. A new sports medicine fellowship is starting with interviews (17 applicants for 3 positions).

Dr. Drees: department chair searches are underway for surgery, and for informatic medicine and personalized health. Candidates have been identified for all positions. Faculty development: the teaching scholars' program will be starting up again soon, and master's degree and the associated, abbreviated, certificate programs were approved in December.

Mark Hecker is Director of the research office, and Travis Solomon is pre-award consultant for SOM research. This constitutes an improved research infrastructure for the School. An overall aim is to provide help in clinical research design, grant writing, and statistics.

The Dean asked for members to report back from their institutions with faculty-perceived needs for faculty development.

New hires: Troy Horine - fundraiser in charge of major and leadership gifts, and development leader, and Janelle O'Dell - in charge of alumni constituent relations.

Next capital campaign to be made public in about a year.

Design changes in the medical school, new education buildings, improved library, etc are in planning stages.

It was noted that seeking ways to make the school more visible (via signage, faculty accomplishments, etc) would be welcome.

The Dean noted that faculty should seek ways to create scholarship as they do their daily work of patient care and teaching students and residents.

Dr. Foxworth mentioned a couple of ways in which telecasting of conferences to TMC-LW and Saint Luke's could be improved.

Next meeting April 5. Remaining 2010 meetings: July 12, and Oct 4.

Respectively submitted 1/6/10
John Foxworth, PharmD
Chair, Faculty Council