Faculty Senate Minutes

January 23, 2012

Members in attendance:
Derkay, Archer, Daniel, Lattanzio, Canady, Handel, Rubino, Crews, Fantaskey, Johnson, Cunnion, Tahhan, Krishna and Collins

Special Guest:
Dean Homan

I. Minutes from December were accepted and posted on the intranet.
II. Review of our lunch meeting with President Lester and Dean Homan
Dr. Krishna reviewed the lunch-time discussion on Monday with the President and Dean.
Topics covered included:
1. Discussion of Delegate Joannou’s measure HJ173 studying a possible EVMS-ODU merger
2. Discussion of the role of Community Faculty within EVMS: this included a discussion of appointments and promotions; what contribution is needed to earn the designation of “community faculty”; identifying what programs are functioning well from an educational standpoint outside of the full-time faculty and what programs may benefit in the future from being brought within the full-time faculty.
3. The need to consult with the EVMS Public relations department when interacting with the media so as not to misrepresent the views of the School when speaking as an individual.
4. Brief discussion about faculty/staff salaries within the global discussion of managing the overall budget of the school and establishing a reserve.

III. New business
1. Dr. Krishna raised the issue of adornments to Graduation Regalia. The Senate generally supports the position of the Medical Education Committee and Health Professions to limit adornments to those of the nationally recognized honor societies.
2. The February meeting, which falls on Feb 20th—President’s Day—will still take place on that date.

IV. Dean Homan
The remainder of the meeting consisted of a wide-ranging discussion including an interactive question-and-answer period with Dean Homan. A variety of topics were discussed including specific requests to the Senate from the Dean to:
1. Help define centers/institutes and programs at the School (sub-committee already formed and working on these definitions)
2. Help refine the Appointments and Promotions categories and process
3. Assist Dr. Flenner and Dr. Combs in the preparation for the LCME visit in October.
Dean Homan also discussed his experiences with the LCME and alerted the Senate regarding new criteria and oversight of the LCME that could put the School at-risk for an unfavorable review (thus the request to help with the preparation to avoid this outcome). Also discussed were his views on the Budget; the current Dean’s Tax; ways for HS to reach out to the Community through the offering of an MSO (providing support for an EMR, for instance so that those in private practice could meet the meaningful use incentives without a huge capital investment; our need to prove to the State and our hospital partners that we are worthy of further funding and expansions of our endowment; his ideas regarding the need for an Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs and many other topics.

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Richard V. Homan, MD, will be installed as Provost and Dean at an academic convocation ceremony held at 5:30 p.m. in McCombs Auditorium.

At the end of the meeting, the Senate and the Dean agreed that it would be beneficial to have him return to the Senate quarterly to maximize our communication together.

The meeting adjourned at 630pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday February 20th at 5pm on the 7th floor of HH.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Derkay, MD
Secretary, Faculty Senate