Faculty Senate Minutes November 21, 2011

Members in attendance:
Krishna, Derkay, Fantaskey, Tahhan, Devine, Canady, Collins, Handel, Lattanzio,
Daniel, Archer, Crews

I. Minutes from October approved without further revisions. Dr. Derkay noted that the Faculty Senate website has been updated to include prior minutes and photos of current senators and alternates.

II. Committee reports:
A. President’s report:
   1. Dr. Krishna updated the Senate on the Dean’s proposed changes to the operational procedures of the Appointments and Promotions committee. This generated considerable discussion among Senators with respect to confidentiality, participation of committee members from the proposed faculty member’s department, role of the Chairman in providing adequate material for the committee and use of secret ballots. Though the Dean’s proposals were provided for information only, Senators who are members of the Committee will share some of the discussion with the Dean when he meets with the Appointments and Promotions committee.
   2. A farewell event for Dr. Pepe is planned for Thursday December 15th. The Senate has been granted time to make a presentation of appreciation for Dean Pepe. Additionally, an Installation Ceremony to welcome Dr. Homan is tentatively planned for February 23rd with the Senate President also included in the festivities. This will likely take place in McCombs Auditorium.
   3. The Senate sub-committee requested by the Dean to address the definitions of “centers”, “institutes” and “programs” within the school has begun its work and will meet with the Dean when it has finished putting together its recommendations.

B. Finance Committee:
   1. Dr. Derkay reported that revenues of HS through the first quarter are ahead of budget and ahead of last year’s figures. Mr. Lester has continued his efforts to lobby the Governor and General Assembly on behalf of EVMS to receive funding on par with MCV and UVa. The Governor’s budget is due to be released in early December.
   2. The Finance committee approved a set of rules governing reimbursement of expenses for Departmental parties, staff meetings, and birthday/retirement parties despite the objection of Dr. Derkay. He will attempt to revisit some of these policies with the EVMS administration and bring the document to the Senate for further discussion and recommendations for revision.

III. New business
A. Lunch meeting between Mr. Lester, Claudia Keenan and the Senate
   1. The meeting was delayed due to the conflict with the Memorial Service for Dr. Pellegrino. Despite its late start, many productive issues
were discussed.
A. State funding
B. Fund raising
C. Effect of tolls on the midtown and downtown tunnels of the EVMS workforce
D. New policy of Mayo Clinic to assess a charge for training our health professions students.
E. Dr. Homan’s transition to Dean.

The next luncheon is scheduled for the 4th Monday in January (due to the MLK holiday on the 3rd Monday).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6pm. The December meeting of the Faculty Senate will take place on Monday December 19 at 5pm on the 7th floor of Hofheimer Hall. Our guest will be Dean Pepe.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Faculty Senate