

Stony Brook School of Medicine
Faculty Senate Meeting
January 25, 2005

Dr. Cedric Priebe (Presiding)
Dr. Scott Johnson (Recording)
Attendance: Please see attendance roster

Dr. Priebe called the meeting to order at 5:05.

I. Review of minutes of Meeting of 11/23/04:

Dr. Johnson

- Minutes of the November 23rd meeting were accepted without changes.

II. Report of SOM Dean

Dr. Edelman

- The SOM finished the calendar year in good shape
- The Research Foundation has reported that research/grant expenditures are up 12%.
- The LCME visit went well. There was an incredible effort involved in preparation for this visit and many deserve a great deal of congratulations, particularly Dr. Peter Williams.
- There were 8 areas of concerns from the previous LCME visit: In 6 of those areas, their concerns were completely alleviated. In the other 2 areas substantial progress had been made.
- We previously had a highly decentralized curriculum; therefore an effort was made to create a centralized curriculum with clear standards and objectives. The curriculum is still somewhat rooted in the past, as it has been 12 years since the faculty critically reviewed the curriculum.
- The ACGME visited the SOM in December 2004. Dr. Schiavone thinks we did well, although there has been no formal feedback as of yet. A formal report is expected in April 2005.
- Governor Pataki's budget has been reported and includes a reduction in State support for the SOM; He did authorize an increase in undergraduate tuition.
- There will also be a preferential tuition rate for those who chose to practice in underserved communities. This rate will be the present in-state resident rate. The rate for in-state residents may become the same as for those presently out-of-state.
- Dr. Edelman reported that Dr. Neal Cohen, an Anesthesiologist from UCSF, is an active Dean candidate still being pursued. Dr. Edelman thinks he is a good candidate and would be delighted if he chose to come to Stony Brook.
- Dr. Fochtman expressed concern regarding the impact of proposed decreased Medicaid funding on the SOM's clinical mission.
- Dr. Edelman stated that there will be a tax on nursing home and hospitals, which will not be favorable to hospitals. The impact on the SOM's clinical mission is not clear at this time. Public funding of health care will decline and will probably affect hospitals more than individual practitioners.

III. Report on Executive Committee's meeting with Dean Candidate, Dr. Neal Cohen -Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Priebe reported that the Executive Committee met with Dr. Cohen and found him to be an energetic, highly qualified academic physician who will be a good leader for the SOM.

- Negotiations are still in progress, and are described as hopeful.

IV. Report on President's Environmental Committee

Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Priebe reported that there are plans to construct a hotel/conference center on the Main Campus, adjacent to the West Campus' Main Entrance.
- The President's planning committee is interested in SOM input in the development of the facility.
- The State has approved funding for the project

V. Report on Bylaws change for Curriculum Committee additional members

Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Priebe stated that there has been a poor response from the email vote on the Bylaw changes regarding Curriculum Committee membership. 27 votes have been cast for the proposed changes and 3 against.
- Votes from two-thirds of the Senate membership (56 of 83 total Senators) are needed to pass a Bylaw change.
- Dr. Priebe asked that those Senators who have not yet voted, to do so as soon as possible.

VI. Vote on Extension of Optional Personal Statement for *all* candidates for APT committee

Dr. Priebe

- Unfortunately, this issue was mistakenly overlooked and not addressed at the meeting. The issue will be presented at the next Faculty Senate Meeting on March 22nd.

VII. Student Admissions Committee Report

Dr. William Jungers

- Dr. Jungers distributed an informative handout describing the Committee on Admissions (COA) responsibilities and activities in 2004.
- The committee membership is comprised of 34 Faculty members and 7 medical students. The students vote, but do not conduct interviews.
- There are a few departments in the SOM which don't participate for unknown reasons. Dr. Jungers commented that a request for participation is made each year to every department.
- In 2004 there were 2612 applications received, and 575 interviews granted. Offers were made to 279 applicants (approximately 50% of those that were interviewed), with 102 final matriculants.
- A question was asked inquiring what percent of women and minority applicants are given acceptances?
 - Dr. Jungers replied that the committee only looked at under-represented minorities (URM). Although only 13 matriculants were URMs, the applicant pool of URMs was quite small. This is problematic as government agencies want to see an increase in the total number of URM matriculants, regardless of the fact that they represent a very small applicant pool.
- A Turner Minority Fellowship Program exists that pays for tuition plus a stipend for 2 selected students. Unfortunately the fellowship, once accepted, cannot be transferred, which can be problematic if a candidate decides to subsequently decline the fellowship after having accepted the position.

- Dr. Priebe inquired whether it is possible to identify students at risk of failure in medical school during the admission process by reviewing those students who do drop out later.
- Dr. Jungers commented that some candidates who look great on paper do poorly in medical school, for reasons that are unclear. Unfortunately, it is sometimes difficult to accurately predict who will succeed.
- Dr. Jungers suggested that perhaps Dr. Susan Larson, Chair of the Academic Standing Committee, would be more capable to describe those students who do poorly and do not graduate.

VIII. Faculty Assistance Committee Report

Dr. Lester Kallus

- Dr. Kallus described the function and history of the Faculty Assistance Committee
- The FAC was formed to provide resources to faculty members who have grievances. The committee does not actually adjudicate or review grievances but rather directs the faculty to the appropriate person, resource or committee.
- There has been very little activity for the FAC, as most of the SOM faculty is aware of the resources available to address grievances.
- Committee members are approved by the Senate, through the same standard procedures involved in any Senate committee membership.

IX. Reminder: Physician Session of Hospital Leadership Institute on Friday 1/28/05, 7am - Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Priebe reminded the Senate of the upcoming Physician session of the Hospital Leadership Institute
- It will take place on Friday 1/28/05 at 7am

X. New Business

- Dr. Priebe informed the Senate of the opportunity to use the Dean's HSC newsletter for a Faculty Senate news column.
- Dr. Priebe reiterated that another email vote for the Bylaw changes will be sent to those Senators who have not yet responded, and that an email will be sent to all Department Chairs and Administrators asking them to arrange for departmental voting for their Faculty Senate membership for the Academic Years 2005 to 2007.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm
- The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on March 22, 2005.