

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Date: February 12, 2015

Present: Drs. Aaron, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Heath, Kapatos, Lerner, Levine, Meert, Rossi, Sheng, and Shisheva

Absent: Drs. Monsell, Thomas, Uberti, Welch, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Interim Dean Sobel, Associate Dean Delaney-Black, Ms. Mary Uryga, and Dr. Linda Roth

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sheng at 3:12 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2015:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended (correction of erroneous date of previous meeting from 11/13/14 to 1/8/15) .
3. **Dean's Report:**
 - a. Dr. Sobel stated that Vice Dean Schenk is very organized in the preparation for the LCME visit, and the process currently consumes the Dean's Office.
 - b. Basic science departments: A committee chaired by Associate Dean Walz is reviewing the situation and future of the Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and of Immunology and Microbiology, and will soon report with recommendations to Dean Sobel.
 - c. Tenet's requirements for faculty who conduct clinical research in the DMC: Dr. Sobel discussed the clinical research agreement that Tenet has developed for SOM faculty who conduct clinical research at the DMC. He said that Suzanne White, Bonnie Stanton, and Steve Lanier are working on a resolution of the problem, and they have asked for a few more weeks to come to a conclusion. Dr. Sobel will discuss with Suzanne White the possibility of postponing the application of the above-mentioned policy for clinical research in the DMC until negotiations on it have come to a final conclusion. Dr. Rossi suggested, in addition to the existing Research Development Committee that operates under the aegis of the Executive Committee, we might consider inaugurating a Clinical Research Committee.
 - d. Academic excellence in clinical departments: Dr. Sobel mentioned that he has constituted a monthly meeting of clinical chairs to discuss academic issues in these departments. Clinical chairs will have deliverables in this area.
 - e. Dr. Sheng raised the issue about the new distribution of Indirect Costs in the University. Dr. Sobel said that it will be implemented, and that it is designed to provide the University more money to support research. Dr. Shisheva raised a question about the new fringe benefit rate. Dr. Sobel suggested that we invite Vice Dean for Research Stanton to discuss.
 - f. Indirect Cost Accounts of Faculty: There was discussion of rumors about review of Indirect Cost Accounts to assure that the funds are being used, but it was pointed out that these provide critical "rainy day funds." The EC will invite Vice Dean Stanton and VPR Lanier to discuss this issue, and Dr. Sobel will also discuss this issue with them.
 - g. UPG: This should be a transparent practice plan run by the physicians. Governance changes will be made by the end of February. UPG finances have improved to permit contributions to the School of Medicine and basic and

translational research. Dr. Sheng raised the issue of the RVU system as a distortion of the academic mission. Dr. Sobel agreed that it does not take into account contributions by faculty besides patient care.

4. President's Report:

- a. Dr. Sheng reported that Patrick Bridge has delayed his report on the Curriculum Committee at this time because his time is being consumed with the preparations for the LCME review.
- b. Dr. Sheng described the process for developing nominees for positions in the EC and the other elections that we are organizing.

5. Personnel Appointments:

The proposed appointment of Mohamed Elshaikh, M.D., Ph.D. as Professor of Oncology (Clinical Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed appointment of Stephen Lemos, M.D. as Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Clinical Educator) FTA was denied, but it was approved as Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Clinical Educator) FTA.

The proposed appointment of Daniel Miller, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Neurology (Clinical Educator) FTA was approved provisionally, pending a revision of publication citations according to SOM format.

The proposed appointment of John Fath, M.D., M.P.H. as Clinical Professor of Surgery was approved.

6. New Business:

The Executive Committee met with the three School of Medicine members of the Policy Committee of the WSU Academic Senate, Dr. David Kessel, Dr. Joseph Artiss, and Dr. Robert N. Frank. The discussion included vigorous discussion about frustrations within the SOM and concerns about decisions made on Main Campus that affect the SOM.

7. Old Business:

John Schiavone, who had met previously with the EC to discuss a professionalism policy for the SOM, returned for final discussion and approval. He stated that it is important for the upcoming LCME visit and that it is expected to serve as a template for such policies in other Schools and Colleges within the University. Dr. Sheng expressed the opinion of the EC that the document was a good start, and perhaps it could be discussed further at a later time. The School of Medicine Code of Professional Conduct was approved as submitted.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Lerner, M.D., Secretary, Executive Committee of the SOM Faculty Senate