MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Date:         July 24, 2014

Present:      Drs. Aaron, Finley, Fridman, Kapatos, Lerner, Meert, Monsell, Rossi, Sheng, Shisheva, and Welch

Absent:       Drs. Ellis, Heath, Levine, Thomas, Uberti, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Dean Parisi, Dr. Linda Roth, Ms. Mary Uryga, and Ms. Jean Dismuke

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sheng at 3:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 10, 2014: The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Dean’s Report:

   a. Dean Parisi announced that the site visit to the SOM, as one of three finalists for the Spencer Forman Award for Community Service, had gone well.

   b. Dean Parisi announced that the Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology is leaving the University. She seeks the counsel of the EC regarding the appointment of an Interim Chair. The leadership of an Interim Chair is important for gaining an Anesthesiology Residency.

   c. Non-faculty who are Research Assistants, Research Associates, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Research Scientists will be managed by WSU Personnel. The supervising faculty members need to provide evaluations. The process will begin in October, 2014 and will be handled centrally by the University. How best to communicate the process and the responsibility of the supervising faculty? For delinquent faculty members who have failed to provide the evaluation, it is possible to notify departmental administrators to request completion.

   d. Dean Parisi led a discussion of the SOM and University budgets. There was agreement that there must be resources to recruit faculty.

4. President’s Report:

   a. Dr. Sheng informed the EC that VPR Lanier had to cancel his appointment to meet with the EC today because of acute illness.

   b. Dr. Sheng raised for discussion the procedure that we shall employ to report scores from the EC (SOM Selective Salary Committee).

   c. Prior to President Wilson’s appearance at the EC meeting on August 14, he will be presented with the same questions/topics that had been sent to VPR Lanier.

   d. VPR Lanier should be informed about omissions in the consultant documents.

   e. The consultant reports on research present a static picture. It would be helpful to provide information on trends that can show growing strengths.
5. Personnel Appointments:

The proposed appointment of Abilash Haridash, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery (Clinician-Educator) was approved. He is a pediatric neurosurgeon.

The proposed appointment of Yumi Han, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Research Track) in the PRB was approved.

The proposed appointment of Adi Tarca, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Computer Science (Research Track) as Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Tenure Track) was tabled, pending discussion with OB/GYN Chair Puscheck about various questions.

The proposed appointment of Jason Pimental, M.D. as Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology was approved.

6. Old Business:

Mary Uryga will ask Dr. Donal O’Leary, Chair of the SOM Research Development Committee, about the results of the selection of SOM Research Excellence Awardees.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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