

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 23, 2012

Present: Drs. Bannon, Gow, Krawetz, Lerner, Monsell, Rossi, Shah, Sheng, Shisheva, Uberti, Welch

Absent: Drs. Kamat, Kupsky, Philip, Stemmler

Also Present: Dean Parisi, Vice Dean Sonnino and Ms. Mary Uryga

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Lerner called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

- Approved

3. Dean's Report:

- The AHUP grant has been refunded for 5 years, which consolidates our health related work statewide.
- The Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health has stepped down. The Director had a very close relationship with SOM. Governor Snyder has appointed a replacement who had served under Governor Engler. The new Director, Jim Haberman, is likely to develop a good relationship with SOM.
- Demolition on Woodward Ave has begun in preparation for the new research building ground breaking on October 25, 2012
- Two WSU budget meetings were held with Dean Parisi for the SOM. The Provost conducted a third budget meeting, which dealt with tenure lines. The Provost was clear in his desire to reclaim all unused tenure lines. Dean Parisi and Mr Ken Lee gave a budget presentation at this meeting, which was well received.
- Wayne Travel is being rolled out to the SOM, which is one of the last schools/colleges to be activated. Initial reports from other schools are that the initiation of the program is slow, but it does significantly reduce time from authorization and reimbursement.
- There has been significant publicizing of the Collective Bargaining agreement regarding the supposed abolition of tenure. The President is firm in indicating that he has no intention of abolishing tenure. He is only interested in ensuring that faculty can account for their time.
- There may be fallout from publicizing of the tenure issue during the AAUP-AFT contract negotiations in terms of new recruits to WSU. The negotiating committee for the administration will not debate this issue in the media until the conclusion of the bargaining agreement negotiations.
- DCaTS – Dr. Sokol has been provided with approximately 20 tenure lines for recruitment. With the shrinking general funds, there is some concern at the EC about how the SOM will pay for these tenure lines. Dr. Parisi has asked the budget committee to formulate a plan of how to manage the DCaTS budget. The budget committee is drafting a plan and will release it in the next few weeks.

4. President's Report:

None

5. Personnel Appointments:

- Ghosh, Samiran – Assistant Professor Tenure Track

6. New Business:

- Donal O’Leary report from the Research and Development Committee (RDC)
 - Huron Group report has made many recommendations to WSU that impact research without any consultation with faculty. These unilateral decisions are often made during the summer months. The RDC has asked Dean Parisi to ensure that the WSU administration at least consults with the EC or the OVPR or Vice Dean for Research, Dr. Stanton. The RDC will focus on inviting senior administrators to their meetings to ensure there is increased communication between administration and research faculty. The RDC also hopes to be updated monthly on the implementation of all sections of the strategic plan.
 - Regarding the loading dock move from the SOM to Woodward Ave., the RDC is monitoring any problems that arise such as lost or delayed shipments so that they will be in a position to influence the relocation if appropriate. The EC will also attempt to determine the decision tree in the administration so that faculty can be more appropriately informed of changes that impact research in the SOM.
 - The RDC will invite the President’s Chief of Staff, Michael Wright, to determine the decision tree in the University.
- Conflict of Interest update
 - The COI committee has drafted a policy for interactions between Industry representatives and SOM faculty, staff and students
 - In the past, the SOM has received low grades from national watch dog organizations. This has improved in recent years but our most significant problem is disclosure of industry contributions to faculty. In the near future, the NIH will require full disclosure for all research and clinical faculty.
 - Mechanisms for implementing disclosure are difficult to define and the EC made several suggestions for COI committee follow up.

7. Old Business:

None

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.