

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Date: August 14, 2014

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

Absent: Drs. Levine and Uberti

Also Present: Dean Delaney-Black, 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 24, 2014:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. **President Sheng's Report:**

- a. Dr. Sheng discussed the issue of the pending 14 Clinical Voluntary Faculty promotion proposals, and it was decided to defer consideration until there would be more time to review and formalize the criteria and then to review and consider the promotion proposals.
- b. Dr. Sheng informed us that she had met with Dr. Steve Lanier, the new University Vice President for Research, to discuss research issues, and that he will reschedule his meeting with the EC, likely to be in September.
- c. Dr. Sheng raised for discussion the upcoming SOM Faculty Senate Meeting that will take place on Thursday, Sept. 18. Dean Parisi won't be there. We are awaiting information on who will provide a Dean's Report. Two EC committees will present reports, and Dr. Kapatos, the Chair of the SOM Budget Advisory Committee will report as well. Dr. Sheng will request a report on IT issues, and she will ask the MSIS to provide a report and to field questions from the floor.
- d. Dr. Sheng reported that the SOM EC website will be reinvigorated, and individual photos of the EC members will be requested.
- e. The Annual Department Reviews will this year be clustered on Sept. 8 and 9. Dr. Sheng urged EC members to try to attend, except for our own departmental reviews.

4. **Personnel Appointments:**

The proposed appointment of Carolyn Harris, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery (Research-Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Kim Johnstone, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (Clinician-Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Larry Fleischmann, M.D. as Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus was approved.

The proposed appointment of Jennifer Villacorta, M.D. as Assistant Professor of PM&R-DMC (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

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Associate Dean Delaney-Black presented the CV of Mohamed A. Elshaikh, M.D. of Henry Ford Hospital for feedback regarding the suitability of requesting his appointment as Professor of Radiation Oncology (Clinician-Educator) FTA, and it was considered appropriate.

6. New Business:

- a. Dr. Lerner, as a member of the WSU Academic Senate, requested suggestions from the EC of nominees from among the SOM members of the Academic Senate to be presented to the Academic Senate for the election of members of the Policy Committee. He promised to send to the EC members the roster of SOM members of the Academic Senate. The deadline for early submission of nominees is 8/27/14.
- b. Dr. Lerner stated that he would be soliciting suggestions from the EC members regarding nominees from the SOM faculty for the various Article XXX Committees to be submitted to the University for selection. He promised to send to the EC members the roster of SOM faculty and the criteria for the various Committees. The most important for the SOM is the University P&T Committee, which has 15 members. The EC nominates six of our faculty (3 MDs, 3 PhDs), and the Policy Committee selects three to serve.
- c. The subject of criteria for promotion of Clinical Voluntary Faculty was raised. The current criteria include a requirement for national recognition for promotion to Clinical Professor. Dr. Delaney-Black proposed that we require a 10-year record of teaching well before consideration of promotion. Also, she requested that, if the EC denies a requested promotion, we send a letter of justification to the Office of Faculty Affairs, the clinical voluntary faculty member's affiliated institution, and the department. Clearly, the EC needs to develop more comprehensive criteria for promotion of Clinical Voluntary Faculty.

7. Old Business:

Ms. Uryga reported that the Chair of the SOM Research Development Committee, Dr. O'Leary, had promised to turn in the results of their selection of the Research Excellence Awards by September 1.

8. Visit of WSU President Wilson:

President Wilson met with the Executive Committee. He reviewed his perspectives on the University and the School of Medicine and engaged in an interactive dialogue with the EC members. He promised to return again in the future.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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