

Reports from Governance Councils

School of Medicine Faculty Forum

May 15, 2007

Clinical Council

The Clinical Council is responsible for the clinical practice. This year the practice is scheduled to lose \$0.5 million. This is actually a major success. We had a budget to lose \$2.0 million. The Clinical Council has worked carefully to grow the practice with important new recruits. These steps are now paying off. Our next major issue concerns space. The downside of our clinical growth is the growing shortage of space to see patients. The Council is working with consultants to devise a comprehensive clinical space plan for the next several years. Other accomplishments include implementation of the compensation plan. We have also been working with several divisions to improve clinical operations. In the next year, we will see dramatic changes as the electronic medical record makes further inroads into the practice.

Clinical Council*

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Dean's Council

1. Has been working with the Research Council to revise the Research Incentive Plan.
2. Has reviewed and made recommendations related to the following departmental reviews:
 - Pharmacology: Recommended disbanding of the Department on July 1, 2007
 - Cell Biology: Deferred action pending the outcome of the research strategic planning process
3. Approved the designation of the Center for Public Health and Health Policy (CPHHP) as a Type II Center.
4. Decided to develop a school-wide policy on appropriate interactions with pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing companies. The policy will include faculty, residents, and students. An *ad hoc* committee is being formed to develop such a policy.
5. Approved a policy mandated by the State Fire Marshal on the placement of file cabinets and storage cabinets in the hallways of the L-building.
6. Has initiated discussions on the advisability of retaining the EVP/Dean structure currently in place when Dr. Deckers retires on June 30, 2008.

7. Approved the following appointments/promotions to senior rank on non-academic grounds:
 - Dr. Kryger: Gaylord Hospital sleep expert
 - Dr. Culbertson: CCMC Chief of Emergency Medicine
 - Dr. Galvin: Commissioner, Department of Public Health
8. Reaffirmed the authority of the EVP/Dean to allocate space within the School of Medicine.

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Chair, Dean's Council*

* Dr. Peter Albertsen, Dr. Andrew Arnold, Dr. Peter Deckers, Dr. Julian Ford,
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Dr. Marc Lalande, Dr. Jacqueline Nissen, Dr. Achilles Pappano, Dr. Richard Simon

Education Council

1. Approved the following recommendations of the Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education (CUME):
 - Awarding of "Honors" designation for the three sections of the Advanced Clinical Experiences course in the fourth year of the curriculum
 - Sub-internship
 - Critical Care
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Changing the fourth year from month-long blocks to 4-week blocks. This change will be implemented in the 2007-08 academic year.
 - Reaffirmation of the 2002 action plan to improve teaching in the basic medical sciences.
2. Approved a number of policy revisions related to Continuing Medical Education that were recommended by the Committee on Continuing Medical Education (CCME) and are required to meet new ACCME accreditation standards.
3. Approved guiding principles for the establishment of a comprehensive system for evaluating the quality of faculty teaching across the entire undergraduate curriculum, as well as teaching of residents and fellows. The data obtained would be used in deliberations of the SAPC, as well as the academic merit plan. In addition, has charged an *ad hoc* committee of faculty to develop the implementation. Dr. Stephen Wikel has agreed to chair this committee.
4. In the coming months, the committee will address the issue of General Fund support for all faculty to acknowledge and reflect their roles in teaching.

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Chair, Education Council*

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Dr. Richard Soucier, Dr. Catherine Weber, Dr. Richard Zeff

Public Issues Council

The PIC is a new committee, and we spent the first year trying to define our role. We met monthly and discussed issues ranging from how to become more involved in community issues, how to get faculty and community input related to important issues, and how best to inform faculty of such issues. We met with some members of community churches in inner city Hartford. We discussed a variety of community issues, especially as relates to inner city youth violence. We have nominated, and unanimously voted upon, an outside (non-UCHC) committee representative. This person is currently considering the request.

Nancy Petry, Ph.D.
Chair, Public Issues Council*

* Dr. Thomas Agresta, Dr. Bernard Clark, Dr. Paul Dworkin, Dr. Julian Ford,
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