

Dean's Council (DC)

October 20, 2008

**Minutes**

Present: Dr. Albertsen, Dr. Egan, Dr. Fortinsky, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Koeppen, Dr. Kuchel,  
Dr. Pappano

Absent: Dr. Lalande

Excused: Mr. Gillon, Dr. Gould, Dr. Laurencin, Dr. Nissen, Dr. Simon, Dr. Wolfson

Guest: Dr. Hepworth

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

1. The minutes of the September 15, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. At the Oversight Committee's (OC) request, the Dean's Council reviewed two proposed Bylaws revisions which will be presented at a Faculty Forum scheduled in December. The first pertains to retention of rank and tenure when transferring between Schools within the UConn system. Dr. Jacob explained that currently, the School of Medicine Bylaws allow transfer of tenure only; appointment at senior rank requires review by the Senior Appointments and Promotions Committee (SAPC). However, it has recently come to our attention that the practice at Storrs is to allow retention of both rank and tenure. Dr. Jacob explained that the proposed revision is being reviewed by each of the Councils and the Dean. She added that Dr. Laurencin does not support the revision because schools usually have their own promotion criteria, which can differ dramatically, and he is opposed to automatically awarding senior rank regardless of whether an individual would qualify based on our criteria. The Oversight Committee has been made aware of Dr. Laurencin's position but has decided to move ahead with the process. It was noted that with the Provost now involved in the promotion and tenure process, many changes will be occurring. A recommendation was made to suggest to the OC that it table the issue pending broader discussion of the overall Bylaws changes pertaining to the SAPC process. The DC unanimously supported the recommendation.

The second revision was the promotion and tenure criteria for collaborative investigators. Dr. Jacob explained that the criteria were created to recognize the significant contributions of individuals whose major activities are to make unique contributions to the research of multiple research teams and who have expertise in areas where independence in the School of Medicine is not likely or possible. A previous version of the criteria was reviewed by the DC on May 19, 2008. If

approved as a Bylaws revision, the criteria will be incorporated into the existing criteria for the Investigator and Clinician-Investigator professional categories. Dr. Jacob also noted that Dr. Laurencin is supportive of the proposed criteria. Following discussion, the DC unanimously approved the proposed revision.

Dr. Jacob will prepare the DC's position statements on the two revisions and will forward them to the Oversight Committee.

3. Dr. Jacob provided an update on the next LCME accreditation visit scheduled in January 2010. She has been asked to manage the self-study process. A Task Force has been appointed which will oversee the process and approve the subcommittees responsible for completing the various sections of the self-study. The Task Force will hold their first meeting on November 6, 2008. The self-study shall be completed some time in the summer of 2009.
4. As requested at the September 15, 2008 meeting, Dr. Jacob asked the Senate Executive Committee whether Health Center faculty could join their meetings with the President and the Provost. She reminded the DC members that it was originally suggested that Health Center faculty serve on the University Senate. However, because the Senate primarily deals with undergraduate education, DC had agreed that it was not necessary to have representation from the Health Center, but they thought it would be beneficial to have representation at the monthly meeting the Senate Executive Committee has with the President and the Provost. Dr. Jacob reported that pending realization of the one University concept, and since Health Center faculty will not be serving on the Senate, the Senate Executive Committee would prefer that the Health Center not have representation at their meetings with the President and the Provost at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Walker Academic Affairs Conference Room, AG-070.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Donatelli