

Dean's Council (DC)

December 18, 2006

Minutes

Present: Dr. Arnold, Dr. Deckers, Dr. Ford, Dr. Garibaldi, Dr. Gould, Dr. Kenny,
Dr. Koeppen, Dr. Lalande, Dr. Nissen, Dr. Pappano

Absent: Dr. Simon

Excused: Mr. Gillon, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Strongwater

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. The minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved with one revision.
2. Dr. Koeppen provided an update on the Department of Pharmacology review recommendation. The DC's recommendation was sent to Dr. Deckers last week and was also shared with Dr. Sha'afi, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology. Dr. Sha'afi understands that the Council's recommendation is only advisory to the Dean and that the final decision regarding the future of the department rests with Dr. Deckers. The DC unanimously agreed that the recommendation sent to Dr. Deckers should be posted along with the minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting.
3. Request from Research Council Regarding Institutional Research Planning

Dr. Koeppen explained that several years ago, President Austin asked that an institutional research policy committee be created, comprised of faculty from the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine, to advise administration on development of research policies. This resulted in the creation of the Institutional Research Policy Advisory Committee (IRPAC). With the changes in the School of Medicine governance system, this task was given to the Research Council (RC). Drs. Lalande and Koeppen saw the potential to have two separate committees developing research policy and recommended that IRPAC be disbanded and that the RC serve as the core group for development of research policies. They further recommended that when institutional research issues arose, the RC be supplemented with appropriate representation from the School of Dental Medicine. The RC had some concerns regarding the proposed structure. One revolved around Dr. Robinson's position that all research policy is institutional and, therefore, dental faculty should attend all RC meetings. The RC felt this was a violation of the SOM Bylaws. Another concern was that all SOM voting faculty on the RC are elected, whereas the representatives

from the Dental School were appointed. The RC proposed the following recommendation: For development of the Research Strategic Plan, two dental faculty, elected from the Dental School's Research Subcommittee, will become voting members of the RC, and the Associate Dean of Research for the Dental School will serve as an ex-officio member. For policy issues requiring approval from both Schools, a separate subcommittee consisting of representatives from RC and representatives from the Dental School Research Subcommittee will be appointed to resolve the issues. If there is disagreement, the issues will be brought back to the full committees for resolution.

The Dean's Council was asked whether they approved the recommendation, or whether the RC composition should be changed through a revision of the Bylaws. Dr. Kenny noted that this issue was first brought to the attention of the Oversight Committee, who felt the recommendation proposed by RC fits within the Bylaws. However, they asked that it be brought to the DC for approval. The DC asked that the recommendation be revised to clearly state that if disagreements on policy issues requiring approval from both Schools cannot be resolved either by the subcommittee or the full committees, the EVP/Dean would act as arbiter. The revised recommendation was then unanimously approved.

4. Request from Oversight Committee Regarding the Public Health Initiative

Dr. Koeppen reported that he received a memorandum from the Oversight Committee (OC) expressing their concern that the Public Health Initiative (PHI) has not been formally established as a Type II Center and is, therefore, operating outside of the School of Medicine Bylaws. The OC asked the DC to rectify this situation.

Dr. Deckers provided background information on how this initiative evolved. While he recognizes the importance of public health education and service, he indicated that the School of Medicine does not currently have the resources necessary to support the initiative and stressed the need for the various entities that comprise public health to work together. The DC agreed that Dr. Koeppen should invite Dr. Storey to a future meeting to present a formal application for approval of the PHI as a Type II Center. Dr. Babor, Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Health Care, will also be invited to present his perspective.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Medical Dean's Conference Room, AG-078.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Donatelli