

Dean's Council (DC)

May 18, 2009

Minutes

Present: Dr. Albertsen, Dr. Egan, Dr. Fortinsky, Dr. Koeppen, Dr. Kuchel, Dr. Nissen, Dr. Pappano, Dr. Simon, Dr. Wolfson

Excused: Mr. Gillon, Dr. Gould, Dr. Lalande, Dr. Laurencin

Guests: Dr. Jacob

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Dr. Koeppen noted the broadcast e-mail from Dr. Laurencin regarding formation of a Health Center-wide committee to develop a policy and process to support “free, balanced, and objective expression of ideas and opinions.” Members of the Health Center community with an interest in serving were asked to contact Dr. Koeppen. Dr. Koeppen asked the DC to recommend faculty they would like to represent the School of Medicine on the committee. He has asked Dr. MacNeil to do the same for the Dental School. Drs. Ardolino, Goupil, and Klobutcher will be asked to provide student representatives. He will also send to the DC the names of faculty who have volunteered to serve.
2. At the last DC meeting, a suggestion was made to discontinue department and center reviews until resources are available to support recommendations resulting from the reviews. Dr. Koeppen asked the members for their thoughts. The general consensus was the review process is valuable and should be continued. Recommendations can be made to the Dean, who can then decide whether or not to allocate the necessary resources. Dr. Koeppen also noted that three outstanding reviews (Cell Biology, Community Medicine and Health Care, and Family Medicine) will be brought back to DC to develop recommendations to the Dean. Community Medicine will be acted on first. It was also agreed that future DC meetings devoted to department or center reviews will be extended to two hours.
3. DC began drafting recommendations regarding the Department of Dermatology review. Dr. Koeppen will circulate the draft document for review and comment. It will be presented for approval at the June 15 meeting and then forwarded to Dr. Laurencin.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Walker Academic Affairs Conference Room, AG-070.

Respectfully submitted,

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