

Dean's Council (DC)

June 7, 2006

Minutes

Present: Dr. Arnold, Dr. Deckers, Dr. Ford, Dr. Garibaldi, Mr. Gillon, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Koeppen,  
Dr. Pappano, Dr. Simon, Dr. Weber

Excused: Dr. Gould, Dr. Kenney, Dr. Lalande, Dr. Strongwater

Guests: Mr. Trutter, Mr. Upton, Ms. Whetstone

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.

1. The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2006 were unanimously approved. Dr. Deckers reminded the DC that the issue of how the Public Health Initiative will proceed is still not resolved. If there is to be a School of Public Health, it still requires approval from the Board of Trustees, and probably separate additional funding from the legislature.
2. The Compensation Appeals Committee has two members with terms ending June 30, 2006. The DC has responsibility for overseeing/approving an election mechanism to fill the seats. The DC unanimously agreed to ask Dr. Jacob to call for nominations, and then to bring the nominations to the DC for review prior to a ballot being set.
3. At Dr. Deckers' request, Mr. Upton and Ms. Whetstone were present to give an overview of the proposed budget and the planned capital expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Deckers began the process by reviewing, for the sake of DC members who have not previously been involved in budget discussions, the financial history of the SOM over the last six years.

Mr. Upton then reviewed for the DC the proposed operating budget which was presented to the Finance Subcommittee of the Board of Directors this past May 17, and will be presented to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2006, with a subsequent presentation to the Board of Trustees on June 20, 2006. The budget is a challenge, since we will finish with a deficit in FY 06. Some key determinants for the deficit are a decrease in clinical volume due to M.D. turnover and higher than average M.D. illnesses; a decrease in research awards; the impact of tenured faculty moving their salary lines to General Funds as the research awards have decreased.

Ms. Whetstone then reviewed the most recent Master Plan for capital expenditures, discussed the events that have led to changes in the plan, and presented the proposed capital budget for FY07.

Both the operating and the capital budgets will be broadcast when they are finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Casey Jacob