KUMC Faculty Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Gary Doolittle, Chair (SOM at large member); Diane Boyle (SON Steering Committee Chair) via phone; Ken Davis (Information Resources Chair/FASC recorder); Susan Jackson, SAH Steering Committee Chair; Jeff Radel (Faculty Concerns Chair); Judith Warren (SON at large member); Peggy Waggoner (Elections chair); and Kristine Williams (Research Chair) via phone.

Members Absent: Paul Arnold (SOM Faculty Council Chair); Susan Carlson (SAH at large member) - excused; Sr. Vice Chancellor/Dean Karen Miller (Ex-Officio EVC Representative).

1. Call to Order – Gary Doolittle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Review of FASC 10/25/10 meeting minutes.  
   Action: After review of the minutes the committee approved the minutes, with corrections to committee reports, stating, “No New Business,” versus “No Report” for three committees.

3. Chair Reports:  
   Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP); KBOR Report; and Monthly meetings with EVC/Dean Atkinson  
   a. COFSP and KBOR – Gary Doolittle reported that he attended the KBOR and COFSP meetings on January 4th. The next KBOR meeting is January 19th. Gary Alexander is asking to re-structure meetings in order to accommodate schedule conflicts. The meeting focus was on the upcoming legislative session. Some discussion occurred about transfer students.

   b. Monthly meetings with EVC/Dean Atkinson – No report, because the meetings have not been scheduled, to-date.

4. Standing Committee Updates/Reports:  
   a. Elections – Peggy Waggoner, Chair  
      Based on the October 13th FASC meeting discussion, Peggy prepared an updated faculty roster. The report was presented to the Faculty Assembly on December 8, 2010, with a total of 910 faculty members, which includes SAH, SOM, SON, and School of Pharmacy.

      Peggy asked Ken Davis about Dr. Joan McDowd’s replacement on the Information Resources Committee for the remaining FY-2011 academic year. Ken informed the Peggy that the SAH Steering Committee has recommended Dr. Bethene Gregg and he will bring a motion for FASC approval under the Information Resources Committee report.

   b. Research – Kristine Williams, Chair  
      No new business to report.

   c. Information Resources – Ken Davis, Chair  
      Ken distributed a committee report and requested FASC action on two items:

      Request approval of Dr. Bethene Gregg to replace Joan McDowd until election of her successor on June 30, 2011.  
      Rationale: Joan McDowd (SAH) resigned in December 2010.  
      Action: The FASC members voted to approve this appointment. (Motion by Jeff Radel, Second by Judy Warren)
Request adoption of a petition to support budgetary restitution for Dykes Library’s journal collection (appendix). Rationale: The library budget reductions have negatively impacted the availability of library resources. 

**Action:** The FASC members voted to adopt this petition. (Motion by Jeff Radel, Second by Susan Jackson)

d. **Faculty Concerns** – Jeff Radel, Chair
No new business to report.

5. **Old Business:**
   a. **Faculty Input Survey**
      Gary had previously distributed copies of the draft survey from Emporia State University for FASC review prior to the meeting. Gary stated that FASC members will review the survey at the next meeting, in order to finalize and administer the survey electronically (Survey Monkey) in the Spring 2011. It was noted that the survey lacks questions about clinical supervision.

      **Action:** FASC members will review the survey at the next meeting.

   b. **Guideline for Faculty Reviews**
      Susan Jackson provided a follow-up on the previous discussion about faculty reviews. She reported that six of eight departments in the School of Allied Health have submitted their guidelines with faculty approval. They intend on reviewing these before the annual review in March, in accordance with Kansas Board of Regents requirements.

      **Action:** Susan will submit a statement of procedure to Dr. Allen Rawitch for University records.

6. **New business:**
   a. **Fall Faculty Assembly Meeting Review**
      FASC discussed the outcome of the December 8th Faculty Assembly meeting. There was general agreement that the meeting went well and was well attended.

   b. **Chancellor’s Task Force on Honorary Degrees**
      Gary distributed a draft report from the Chancellor’s Task Force on Honorary Degrees. Drs. Allen Rawitch and John Ferraro are representing KUMC on this task force. In June 2010, KBOR revised its policy to permit Regents universities to award honorary degrees as an exceptional honor. The Chancellor appointed the task force to determine a set of guidelines governing how the University of Kansas should identify, screen and select honorary degree recipients.

      **Action:** Gary requested that FASC members review the draft report and submit comments to him via e-mail.

   c. **Board of Regents CEO Survey**
      Gary explained that he is not certain of the genesis of this new CEO survey, but it is intended to be conducted every 3 years for the purpose of addressing student and faculty retention. This is an effort to address dissatisfaction with the current outcomes of KBOR priorities. For example, only two-thirds of Kansas university students are graduating.

   d. **Spring Faculty Assembly Meeting**
      Gary requested that a date be established for the Spring Faculty Assembly Meeting.

      **Action:** FASC decided to schedule the meeting on May 4th @ 3-4 p.m. in Wahl West

7. **Adjourn:**
   Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Future Monthly Meetings:**
Tuesdays, Feb. 15, Mar. 29, and Apr. 19 @ 4-5 p.m. (4030b Robinson Conf. Room)
The KUMC mission statement* asserts The KU Medical Center: “educates health care professionals... high quality educational experiences are offered to a diverse student population through a full range of undergraduate, graduate, professional, postdoctoral and continuing education programs...;” and “maintains nationally and internationally recognized research programs to advance the health sciences. Health related research flourishes in a setting that includes strong basic and applied investigations of life processes, inquiries into the normal functions of the human body and mechanisms of disease processes, and model health care programs for the prevention of disease and the maintenance of health and quality of life.”

In order to meet this mission, it is imperative that faculty and researchers have access to a comprehensive collection of cutting-edge and historical research and information resources.

Regretfully, recent Dykes Library collection budget cuts in the amount of $50,000, combined with increased costs of journal subscriptions, have resulted in reduction, rather than expansion, in available journal titles. Dykes Library is a net lender to regional libraries and represents an essential resource for supporting the future academic and research needs of the KUMC campuses, including Wichita and Salina.

For this reason, the members of the KUMC Faculty Assembly - Information Resources Committee hereby request that the budget allocation for library collections be restored to its FY-2010 level and furthermore that the FY-2012 budget is increased by at least 5% in order to keep pace with the current and future needs of the institution and to remain a leader in the field of research and academia.

Submitted by,
Members of the Faculty Assembly -Information Resources Committee

* Reference: [http://www.kumc.edu/Pulse/aboutkumc.html](http://www.kumc.edu/Pulse/aboutkumc.html)