

Minutes
SAH Fall Faculty Meeting
September 26, 2001

Meeting called to order by Jeff Radel at 11:40 AM. Jeff thanked the Dean's office for arranging the lunches and meeting. He then introduced new members of the SAH faculty.

The Dean gave a report on the school. She distributed a handout listing her activities on behalf of the school. She thanked the faculty for their work during the recent weeks in spite of the terrorist activities and disruptions to routine. She reminded the faculty about information in student and faculty handbooks that might regarding Armed Forces Reserve duty.

The focus of the Dean's comments was the issue of decreasing enrollment in the SAH. There are many reasons for this including a retiring workforce with fewer replacements, negative perceptions about health careers, changing demographics and changes in the management of hospitals. The Dean sits on a Commission for the AHA, Advancing Health in America. The commission is looking at this multifaceted problem and hopes to make some recommendations. The faculty briefly discussed marketing, recruitment and scholarships. We will be hearing more about this in the coming months. Faculty can access the slides from this presentation at <http://www.kumc.edu/allied/faculty.html>.

Jeff reminded the faculty that committee reports are posted on the web. John Ferraro announced that some money is available to assist faculty with posters for Faculty Research Day on November 8. He also reminded the faculty of grants and collaborative opportunities with MRI.

There was a long discussion about the proposed changes in procedure for the SAH Academic Affairs Committee (sent out with agenda). All agreed that graduate programs receive plenty of feedback and oversight. There was discussion on the need for oversight and guidance for undergraduate programs to ensure quality. It was agreed that a pilot program could be conducted with undergraduate curriculum items going only through the Dean's office. The Academic Affairs committee would monitor this to see if there were any problems deleting the step of approval from the committee over the next two years.

Jeff briefly explained the item that the faculty consider changes in standing committees. In order to reduce redundancies it was proposed that some committees be combined. It was also mentioned that the ad hoc Marketing Committee may need restructuring or instituted into the by-laws. This is more fully explained in the agenda. The faculty will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

Lastly, Joan McDowd briefly reviewed a proposed by-law change for the APT committee. After a very brief discussion a motion was put forth by John Ferraro to make

the change as stated in the agenda. Chukuka Enwemeka seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

The meeting was dismissed at 12:50 PM.

Submitted by:

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