

MINUTES

University of Minnesota Medical School Faculty Advisory Council

April 5, 2016

The meeting of the Medical School Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Room B646 Mayo Memorial Building. Duluth was not able to join the meeting. Dr. Paul Bohjanen, Chair of the FAC, presided.

Members Present: Drs. Ionna Apostolidou, Paul Bohjanen, Ben Bornsztein, Rachel Dahms, Marna Ericson, Jerry Froelich, David Ingbar, Ameeta Kelekar, Linda McLoon, Steven McLoon, Stephanie Misono, Kristin Nichol, Becky Olson-Kellogg, Mary Porter, Michel Sanders, Kiki Sarafoglou

Dean's Office Staff Present: Cliff Steer, MD, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs
Mark Paller, MD, Senior Associate Dean

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from January and February meetings
2. Update on non-tenure faculty track survey (McLoon, Ingbar)
3. Statement from Board of Regents re: fetal tissue research (Bohjanen)
4. Update on Conflict of Interest policy language (Ingbar, Bohjanen)
 - a. Discussion will take place at [Faculty Senate meeting](#) on 3/3
5. CTSI/Psychiatry report (Jackson, Bohjanen)

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Chair, Dr. Paul Bohjanen.

1. **Approval of Minutes from January and February meetings**
Dr. Pritzger and Dr. McLoon moved and seconded the motion.
2. **Update on non-tenure faculty track survey** (McLoon, Ingbar)
Drs. McLoon and Ingbar advised that this initiative is still a work in progress. The survey has been completed and the survey workgroup still needs to compile responses. There were questions about the effectiveness of the survey. Dr. Steer and Dean Jackson urged members to be practical and considerate because ultimately, the surveys are

used to inform the committee and to provide a tool to better reflect the diversity of opinions as it pertains to track structure and to establish options as to how to best move forward.

3. **Statement from Board of Regents re: fetal tissue research** (Bohjanen)

Dean Jackson thought that the statement has value and reflects the support of academic freedom. He informed the group that a hearing is scheduled for March 15, 2016 involving the Higher Education Committee. The proposed bill states that the University's budget will decrease by 5% each year until HFT is banned. Few on the Higher Education Committee are opposed to HFT. However, those few that are opposed are very vocal, and this committee does control the University's budget. The University was asked to bring in an external consultant to gather data about how the tissue is procured, the type of research done, etc. and the correlating report/findings should be released March 2, 2016.

4. **Update on Conflict of Interest policy language** (Bohjanen, Ingbar)

Discussion will take place at Faculty Senate meeting on 3/3

Sec II, item B states that participants cannot have dual roles in the same study, unless an exception is granted. The Department of Medicine's Clinical Trials Working Group drafted a response, provided by Dr. Hyun Kim, noting that this section was too ambiguous and that more transparent wording is necessary. All transactions should be reported. The goal of the response is to change the wording to better reflect how faculty actually function and to use a more positive tone. FAC members are encouraged to attend the Senate meeting and participate in the discussion, focusing on the clause and how it can be clarified.

5. **CTSI/Psychiatry report** (Jackson, Bohjanen)

Dean Jackson provided a brief summary about the report of an external consultant hired by CTSI to assess research practices in the Department of Psychiatry and make recommendations for improvement. Instead of making recommendations, however, the external consultant performed only an audit and did not develop a managerial plan. The consultant's report contained 45 observations about different issues within Psychiatry and was ultimately very negative about the culture. The report, however, did not provide detailed information to support her findings to allow corrective actions. Dean Jackson asked to work with her and investigate her findings in greater detail but she would not agree. The Department of Psychiatry did look into the allegations and did find some issues with research study documentation (i.e. no CV on file, license updates, signature logs, etc.). Dean Jackson feels that more training is needed as to how studies are conducted and a group is currently working to put together resources for faculty to be able to do that. This includes more monitors, training and preventative quality

assurance. Dr. Paller pointed out that Department of Psychiatry faculty are engaged in a positive way and have come up with guidelines that exceed the standards of the University, although they were not required to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm by MOTION of Drs. Davis and Panoskaltsis-Mortari (first, seconded). The next meeting will take place on April 5, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Staff to the FAC