Minutes Faculty Senate
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Feb 10, 2015

The meeting was commenced at 4:32 pm

I. Welcome
Dr Jeffrey Druck, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the minutes from Jan 13, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting. A motion was offered to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Dean’s Comments
Status of searches and affiliations - The Anesthesiology chair search committee has about 30 applicants and is going to schedule approximately 15 electronic interviews soon. They are hoping to have semifinalists by April 2015. Once the Chair of Anesthesia is selected, a search will commenced for a Pediatric Anesthesiology Chair.

A search is underway to fill the late Dr. Chip Ridgway’s vacancy as the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. CV’s are being accepted.

An additional search for a UC Hospital or UC Health Chief Research Officer may be underway soon. The CEO search for Children’s Hospital Colorado is set to get commence shortly and the hope is that it will be complete within 6 months.

Lynette Roff is stepping down as the Director of the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

National Jewish update – they have affiliated with SCL Health system. There are no changes in faculty status of our physicians. National Jewish faculty do not refer to, or practice at, the AMC. In addition, National Jewish faculty are sending pediatric patients to Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children.

IV. Discussion Items
1. Immunology and Microbiology Department Update – John Cambier, Chair, Department of Immunology and Microbiology gave an update of his department. In June 2013, the University and National Jewish parted ways as plans to build a new National Jewish Hospital proceeded. In July 2013, faculty moved from National Jewish to the AMC campus RC1 building. Re-integration of the faculty resulted in the new Immunology and Microbiology Department. Current space allows for 3-4 new hires. Applications have been accepted, 8 interviews have been conducted but no new hires have been made. Eight additional interviews will occur over the next month. Joint recruitment efforts have been with Allergy/Immunology, Radiation/Oncology and the School of Public Health. Efforts to build relationships
with clinical departments aim to assist in the department to become more translational. They still need more laboratory space and are hoping for continued support from the SOM Dean.

2. Academy of Medical Educators Update – Eva Aagaard, Associate Dean for Educational Strategy; Director of Academy of Medical Educators and Center for Advancing Professional Excellence. The AME has been in existence for 5 years and is the home base for teachers and supports all educational programs and teachers at the CU SOM.

An impact report of the past 5 years was conducted to assess the impact the AME has had on the AMC. The AME has offered 250 Faculty Development sessions and 22 online modules to over 2000 persons. Most popular workshop is “Giving effective feedback”. The number of education programs has grown and include LEAP, iTeach, Teaching Scholars’ Program. Rymer grants have awarded nearly $69,000 to educational projects which has produced 15 new curricular or research resources, impacted 560 learners and resulted in 2 journal publications and 7 conference presentations. Clinical departments especially Medicine and Pediatrics by far represent the majority of participants and outnumber Basic Science participants. Additional achievements of the Teaching Scholars Program include 24 journal publications, 66 conference presentations, and 2 MedEdPortal products. AME is a symbol of institution’s commitment to education mission. Challenges – visibility on campus, many don’t know what the AME does. Time is another challenge as selected individuals are asked to serve.

Q & A – Dr. Aagaard answered various senator questions. She clarified that the Teaching Certificate program is about basic teaching skills in used in various settings such as the lab, classroom etc. The Teaching Scholars Program is a next step for those who want to take education as a larger part of their career. Workshops are applicable to all individuals on campus, including basic scientists, but this message has not gotten out. Discussion about how to engage basic scientists has been initiated and the AME is aware of the challenges basic scientists as educators face.

3. President-elect Megan Dishop – announced that she is leaving the CU SOM and that her position as Faculty Senate President – elect is open and nominations by Faculty Senators are encouraged.

There was a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. President Druck adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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