

Academic Senate Council

August 30, 2017

Minutes

Present: Boysen, Compadre, Ferguson, Frett, Hendrickson, Lefler, MacMillan-Crow, Matthews, Post, Rosenbaum, Smith-Olinde, Voth, Willett

Absent: Bercher, Boyle, Huitt, James, Renard, Wei, Whited

Guests: Dobretsov, Gardner, Hayar, Mahadevan

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM

1. Review/approval of minutes from last meeting
Hendrickson moved, MacMillan-Crow seconded; passed on voice vote
2. Full Senate meeting
 - a. Lefler to check university calendar for Oct 26, Oct 19
 - b. Suggestion to have a presentation on research misconduct
3. Update from Provost/Interim Chancellor Dr. Stephanie Gardner
 - a. No sales tax on research and educational purchases for UAMS is now in place
 - b. UAMS has been working with Baptist Health on various projects for 20 years; that partnership is growing
 - i. Ex: there is an ACGME initiative to have a sponsored resident program at Baptist NLR, which is expected to grow to more the 100 residents over 10 years
 - ii. Ex: what shared services (HIPAA, EPIC training) and back end services (financial aid) can the two institutions work together on?
 - c. There is an education group in central Arkansas with representatives from UAMS, Baptist Health College, UA-PTC and UALR to investigate how to provide education opportunities more effectively and efficiently, for example common pre-requisites, and a 2+2 program
 - d. UAMS has joined with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, ACH, Baptist Health and Bost Behavioral Services in a Provider-owned Shared Services initiative.
 - e. With Baptist Health, UAMS has filed an application with CMS to form an accountable care organization; if approved, this entity would provide services to 50,000 Medicare patients, as the entry to population care management
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Faculty Affairs: Dr. Cesar Compadre
 - i. Faculty Survey – ready to be deployed
 1. Compadre moved (no second needed) to deploy survey on Sept. 15, 2017 for 10-15 days
 2. Passed on voice vote
 - ii. UAMS AAUP Chapter – presentation made about the UAMS chapter of AAUP; discussion of involving the Senate Council in AAUP occurred; Lefler stated she would like to further investigate the benefits of AAUP before the Council makes such a decision.

- b. Administrative Council: Dr. Gunnar Boysen
 - i. Update on activities/policies – this committee discusses UAMS operations policies along with those coming from the UA System office
 - ii. There have been no recent topics pertaining to faculty
- c. Communications Committee:
 - i. New Chair: Dr. Abdallah Hayar
 - ii. Update – None given
- d. Research Committee:
 - i. Need nominations for new chair, Dr. Helen Benes offered to co-chair with someone – Lefler tasked the Council to present names for a co-chair
 - ii. Update – None given
- e. Task Force on salary policy: Dr. Howard Henderson
 - i. Members: Jan Shorey (AA), Danny Bercher (CHP), Teresa Whited (CON), Cornell (COPH), Hendrickson (COP, chair), Michael Jennings (COM), Corey Montgomery (COM), Post (COM), Billy Thomas (COM), Maha Mahendren (COM)
 - ii. COM has more representation because they have the most faculty members
 - iii. First meeting is Friday, Sept. 1; members will explain how salaries are determined within their units, to the best of their knowledge
 - iv. That information will be brought back to the Senate Council, detailing what the current process is and asking what should the process be?
 - v. Transparency and fairness across colleges is the goal.
- 5. New Issues/Concerns of Faculty received by reps/chair
 - a. SmartCare/Insurance copays and services with external parties, expense for employees higher than other clinics (2 different faculty have brought this forward in the last month)
 - i. This issue was brought to the Provost by Senate officers; Jeff Risinger is currently investigating

Lefler commented she would like to set the last Wednesday of each month, 2 PM as the Senate Council meeting time. There was no objection.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM