

Faculty Assembly Meeting  
January 26, 2007  
10:am – 11:30am  
Room 2003

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. November 17, 2006 Faculty Assembly meeting minutes

A quorum was not reached to approve the meeting minutes. The minutes will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### 2. Dean's Report

Dr. Donna Petersen informed the faculty of the death of Amy Tinkler's father and Dr. Ira Richard's stay in the hospital. Dr. Richard is home now with wishes for a speedy recovery.

The new legislative season is upon us. The Deans of Florida State University, University of Florida and University of South Florida will be traveling to Tallahassee to participate in a consortium of schools to address problems within the public health workforce and innovative techniques to better prepare the public health workforce.

Dean Petersen acknowledged the *USF College of Medicine's Strategic Plan*.

[http://hsc.usf.edu/medicine/final\\_strategic\\_plan\\_20060124.pdf](http://hsc.usf.edu/medicine/final_strategic_plan_20060124.pdf).

During December 2006 Dean Petersen met with the administration from a TB hospital in Miami to discuss public health education. The plan is to bring faculty together from around the country to provide masters students with extensive courses in areas of public health. The response was favorable to all.

Dean Petersen stated that the *USF Strategic Plan* is on the web and encouraged everyone to review the plan.

<http://www.ods.usf.edu/plans/strategic/docs/USF%20Strategic%20Plan%2020072012%20v15.pdf>

The Dean was pleased to highlight the *COPH Major Accomplishments – Blueprint for Strategic Actions*. A handout was provided with information on five categories: Creative Educational Models, Creative/Successful Practice Models, Strive for National Prominence, Research Really Matters, and True Collaboration COPH + USF Health + University.

Lastly, the Dean stated that she is grateful for the recruitment efforts that are being implemented in the COPH to draw undergraduate, masters and doctoral students.

### 3. National Research Council Survey and Academic Update

Dr. Karen Liller presented information on the National Research Council Survey followed by an Academic Update. Two handouts were provided: 1) National Research Council Report - Faculty Questionnaire 2) Info Mart – showing a five year trend of student enrollment: 2002 – 2006.

The NRCS is conducted every 10 years. This is the first time public health is included in the survey. These data will show how schools are judged. Copies of the report are available in the Office of Academic Affairs and the ASPH website.

The five - year trend of student enrollment (Info Mart 2002 to 2006) was discussed. Info Mart can be found on the COPH website. Data also shows degrees awarded and time to degree. <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/informart/informatapps/degreetrend.aspx>

Dr. Liller also reported that undergraduate enrollment for Spring 2007 is ~ 3, 500 students.

Michele Robinson (Academic Advisor) and Linda Rodriguez (International Field Counselor) were recently hired in the Office of Academic Affairs and welcomed by all.

### 4. International Programs Update

Dr. Ann DeBaldo recently attended a meeting with students from China to discuss working collaboratively on research. Fall 2006 Dr. DeBaldo attended the Latin American Advisory Group meeting that focused on training and research opportunities with the Panama Office. She also traveled to Belize and the Dominican Republic / Haiti to discuss research opportunities, capacity training workshops and funding of on-line and face to face classes. In June 2007 a few faculty will travel to India to visit ministries.

5. Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler is coordinator of the COPH United Way Campaign for 2006. To date twenty faculty/staff have made generous contributions. With only four days left of the campaign faculty were encouraged to please consider making a donation.

6. Dr. Hammad emailed faculty the nomination ballots for the officers of Faculty Assembly. Faculty were asked to send their completed ballots to Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler by February 9, 2007.

### 7. College Committees – No reports

University Committees – Dr. Marti Coulter reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee recommended that assistant professor positions and associate credentialing decisions should be made at the department level. These recommendations need approval of the Faculty Assembly. However, since that meeting the graduate council has decided that they may reinstitute operational direction of credentialing themselves and the graduate council is discussion the issue. Until the decision is made by the graduate council we will hold off on changing our procedures in order to be consistent with their direction.

Dr. Robert McDermott reported on the College Initiative in relation to the new college strategic planning process. The task forces have met and wrote the first draft with broad goals. The Dean will convene a town hall meeting of faculty in September, 2007 to refine the goal statements.

8. New Business

The next Faculty Assembly meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2007.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

These meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler