

**Morsani College of Medicine  
Faculty Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
5:30 p.m.**

**MDL 1037C (Group Learning Area)  
Videoconferencing at  
South Tampa Center for Advanced Healthcare, Room 5051C  
Lehigh Valley Health Network, VTC Room**

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**AGENDA**

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| I.   | Welcome and Call to Order<br>Approval of October Minutes   | Javier Cuevas, PhD<br>Vice President of the Faculty   |
| II.  | Committee / Faculty Council Representation Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physicians Assistant Ad Hoc Committee</li><li>• Faculty Council – Unfilled Positions</li></ul> | Vice President Cuevas   |
| III. | Update: Creation of College of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences  | William S. Quillen, PT, DPT, PhD, Director<br>School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation<br>Sciences |
| IV.  | Communication Issues   | Vice President Cuevas   |
| V.   | New Business   |   |
| VI.  | Adjourn  |   |

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013  
5:30 p.m.**

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Minutes**

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Faculty Vice President Javier Cuevas presided over the meeting in the absence of President Dennis Ledford. The Vice President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

Vice President Cuevas asked for comments on the minutes of the October Faculty Council meeting. There were none, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Committee / Faculty Council Representation Update**

Vice President Cuevas followed up on the discussion at last month's meeting concerning the proposed Physicians Assistant program. A Faculty Council subcommittee has been formed to review the proposed program. The subcommittee membership includes two basic scientists and two clinical scientists, with Dr. Cuevas serving as Chair. The subcommittee will begin its work within the next few weeks and will first meet with Dean Klasko and some of the key players. Dr. Cuevas reported that most of the Faculty Council vacancies have been filled. Two departmental openings remain, and President Ledford has been in contact with the Chairs of those departments.

**Update: Creation of College of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences**

Dr. William S. Quillen, Director of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences (SPTRS), followed up on last month's discussion concerning the proposed College of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences. An updated version of the proposal was distributed to faculty prior to the meeting. Dr. Quillen reviewed some of the accomplishments of the SPTRS and noted that the school received over 1,000 applications for the DPT Class of 2016, which has 40 student openings. This is a significant increase over last year.

The next step in the conversion process will be a recommendation from the Faculty Council. There were a number of questions raised by those in attendance, mostly pertaining to the rationale and potential cost. Dr. Quillen explained that the SPTRS is currently an autonomous financial entity. Existing faculty will fill administrative roles, and it is anticipated that there will be minimal increased expenditures.

There being no quorum, a Faculty Council motion to endorse the proposal could not go forward at this meeting. It was decided that an electronic ballot will be sent to the Faculty Council representatives as soon as possible. The process must move swiftly, as USF policy requires that review be completed within 90 days of receipt by the Faculty Council.

### **Communication Issues**

Vice President Cuevas opened the floor to a discussion of communication. Email is the current method of communication with faculty, but it may not be the most efficient way. It has been suggested that perhaps a password protected message board may be more useful. Some comments were made that while email is not perfect, a message board may not be the solution as faculty would have to actively sign in for access to messages. Some suggestions were made that visibility of the Faculty Council Website should be improved, as many faculty are not aware of it.

### **New Business**

Dr. Tom Frontera, Faculty Treasurer and Assistant Professor of Neurology, raised concerns over the DNP program in Dermatology at the College of Nursing. Although he is not aware of the specifics of the program, he has heard comments about it from colleagues. He would like to know the goals of the program and if it has the support of the medical school. Vice President Cuevas will add this item to the agenda of an upcoming meeting for further discussion. Dr. Frontera will gather additional information in the interim.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.