

**USF Morsani College of Medicine
Annual Meeting of the Faculty
Minutes**

September 27, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

**MDL 1037 A-C
Video Conferencing at
South Tampa Center for Advanced Healthcare and
Lehigh Valley Health Network**

President Karl Muffly called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes

President Muffly asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Faculty in March. There were no comments and a motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Faculty Announcements

Secretary Tom Frontera announced the names of the new Faculty Council representatives for 2012-13, as well as the election results for Treasurer and Vice President of the Faculty. Dr. Michael Schoenberg, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, was elected Treasurer and Dr. Javier Cuevas, Professor of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, was elected Vice President.

Passing of the Gavel and Presentation of Awards

Dr. Muffly briefly reviewed his year as President of the Faculty and then passed the gavel to the incoming Faculty President, Dr. Dennis Ledford. Dr. Ledford presented awards to Dr. Muffly and Dr. Lara Katzin, as outgoing President and Treasurer, respectively. He then reviewed some of his expectations for the coming year, including increased faculty involvement and empowerment of committees. He wants to hear from faculty regarding their concerns. He will ask the Bylaws Committee to explore having the Faculty President serve a two-year term, beginning after his term is over, as there is a significant learning curve after assuming office. A major focus will be on finding a way to celebrate the heritage of the College.

Dean's Report

Dr. Ledford welcomed Dean Stephen Klasko, who discussed the future of USF Health, along with recent developments. Dean Klasko spoke about the dramatic transformation of health care in recent years, as well as regional and national trends in academic medicine. He discussed the recently created USF Health System, which will have Lakeland Regional Medical Center as its first hospital member. The Dean explained some of the reasons for partnering with Lakeland Regional, which is the fifth largest hospital in Florida. This will be an operational merger rather than a full asset merger, and it is the first step towards a larger academic medical entity. It is not a lessening of USF Health's commitment to any of its current partners. It is anticipated that up to 250 new resident slots could eventually be created at Lakeland Regional.

Dean Klasko discussed strategic planning, including student space, administrative reductions and mission planning. Until the new medical school facility is built, the College will need to look at current options concerning space. The Dean asked Dr. Alicia Monroe, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, to discuss student space issues. Dr. Monroe noted that student enrollment has grown significantly and there is inadequate space for study and other student needs. The LCME requires that a certain amount of space be available for students as part of the accreditation process. Plans are under way to remodel the west wing of the first floor of the Shimberg Library to provide study space for students, who will be given 24-hour key card access. Dr. Monroe reported that a structure is being put in place to provide administrative support for educational programs.

Dean Klasko reported on administrative reductions amounting to \$3.5 million, with cuts in clinical and basic science departments and the Dean's Office. He welcomes comments and suggestions from faculty concerning inefficiencies.

In discussing the education mission, Dean Klasko spoke about the need for new support structures for faculty, including improved onboarding and faculty development. Over the next year, he expects to see plans for the new medical school unfold. The Dean asked Dr. Phillip Marty, Associate Vice President for Research, to comment on the research mission. Dr. Marty reported on some of the strategies discussed at the recent strategic planning retreat, including working together across disciplines and metrics for assessing research success. The issue of research lab space was discussed. Dean Klasko said that he will ask Dr. Marty and Dr. Stephen Liggett to discuss this issue at a future Faculty Council meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.