

**USF Morsani College of Medicine
Semi-Annual Meeting of The Faculty**

**March 26, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
MDL 1037 B and C**

**Videoconferencing at
South Tampa Center for Advanced Healthcare, Room 5051C
Lehigh Valley Health Network, ECC 4**

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order**
 - Dennis Ledford, MD, President of the Faculty
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting, September 2012**
 - President Ledford
- III. **President's Report**
 - President Ledford
- IV. **Question and Answer Forum with Senior Administration**
- V. **New Business / Issues from Floor**
- VI. **Adjourn**

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Minutes**

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President Dennis Ledford welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Faculty of September 2012 were approved with no comment.

President's Report

President Ledford reported on the following items:

- Bylaws Committee
 - Discussions are under way with regard to extension of the President's term to two years, after President Ledford completes his term.
 - Review of MCOM committee structure is in progress.
- MCOM Historical Celebration
 - President Ledford has been meeting with administration.
 - A mobile video wall with interactive content has been proposed.
 - Target is August/September 2013.

Question and Answer Forum with Senior Administration

Prior to the meeting, faculty were invited to submit questions for senior administration. Questions were sorted into five categories: Education, Clinical Operations, Research/Infrastructure, Communication and Faculty Development/Support, and the collated list was distributed to faculty and administration.

- Dr. Alicia Monroe, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, discussed questions related to education. Her remarks included the following:
 - The drop in Step 1 Board scores in 2013 coincided with changes in the curriculum, which included a move away from shelf exams. There was a decision not to implement comprehensive exams at the end of year 1 or year 2. There has since been a review of examination policies, and a comprehensive basic science exam has been reinstated as a requirement to transition into year 3.
 - The intent of EVUs is to ensure that appropriate credit is given to individual faculty for teaching effort.

- There will be EVU credits for teaching activities related to the new Physicians Assistant program.
 - Dr. Monroe is available to meet with faculty who have questions regarding EVU assignments and credits.
- Dr. Jeffrey Lowenkron, Chief Executive Officer of the USF Physicians Group, addressed questions related to clinical operations. His remarks included the following:
 - A new version of Allscripts is due for release next month and will have improved functionality.
 - Only a few “non-proceduralists” are in the black. Efficiencies are being reviewed, as are ways to capture the downstream revenue that these providers generate.
 - Supply and demand reports are being rolled out to measure capacity for seeing patients, as well as demand for services.
 - The Doctors of USF Health marketing campaign has been introduced. USFPG must be prepared to deliver on the service side.
 - Efforts to reduce central overheads continue.
- Dr. Stephen Liggett, Vice Dean for Research, responded to questions related to research and infrastructure. His remarks included the following:
 - The Office of Research has identified approximately \$800,000 of legacy payments for sundowning. These resources will now be used to support other research.
 - A space policy has been instituted based on funding, with flexibility for department priorities.
 - Positive feedback has been received from state and local government, as well as philanthropists, for a cardiovascular research institute.
 - In response to the question regarding a timetable for fixing the leaking roof in the MDC Building, Dr. Liggett asked Mr. Stan Douglas, Assistant Vice President for Operations and Facilities Management, to provide an update.
 - Mr. Douglas reiterated his statement from the February Faculty Council meeting that main campus has not allocated any funds for large infrastructure projects such as roof replacement.
 - He will pursue with main campus and provide an update.
 - **Action Item: President Ledford stated that this is an ongoing issue and he will ask Mr. Douglas to report back to the Faculty Council.**
 - A review of the IRB process is planned, in an effort to improve efficiency.
- Mr. John Ekarius, Chief Operating Officer for USF Health, reported on the following items:
 - The Board of Trustees has approved the initial plan for the Physician Assistant Program within the MCOM. Program development details will be reviewed with faculty.
 - The TGH Board voted to approve the extension of the clinical faculty services and GME agreements for three years.
 - The administration is actively reviewing ways to better communicate with faculty. President Ledford and Vice President Javier Cuevas have been involved in the discussions.
 - A draft of the Basic Science, Research and Graduate Affairs budget was distributed, in response to a question by a faculty member.
 - Mr. Ekarius briefly discussed the budget and noted that there has been a 42% reduction in state support for USF over the last five years. Thus, carry forward funds have declined year over year, which is having an impact on vital services.

- **Action Item: Due to the late hour, President Ledford postponed the discussion of Faculty Development/Support to the next Faculty Council meeting.**
- President Ledford thanked the faculty for submitting questions, which will be used for planning future Faculty Council agendas.

Other Business

- **Action Item: Dr. Charles Paidas, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education, asked to speak at an upcoming Faculty Council meeting with regard to Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education.**
- On behalf of the Financial Oversight Committee, Dr. Eric Bennett reported that the administration will provide faculty with budgetary information on a semi-annual basis, to coincide with annual and semi-annual faculty meetings.
 - The intent is to increase transparency and improve communications.
 - FAQs will be provided.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.