

**Morsani College of Medicine
Faculty Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 23, 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**

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Call to Order
Introduction of Faculty Council Members
Approval of July and August Minutes | Dennis Ledford, MD
President of the Faculty |
| II. | Presidential Plan for 2012-13
a) College of Medicine History Celebration
b) Revision of Bylaws
i. Duration of Officer Terms
ii. Committee Structure and Population
c) Plan for Engagement of Faculty
i. Survey of Faculty
ii. Retreat
iii. Emails of Minutes
iv. Leadership Attendance at Department Meetings
v. Department Representative Communication Plans | President Ledford |
| III. | Physicians Assistants Program | President Ledford |
| IV. | Transition from Blackboard to Canvas | Neil Gomes, Director
Instructional Design & Training |
| V. | Creation of College of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences | William S. Quillen, PT, DPT, PhD, Director
School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences |
| VI. | New Business | |
| VII. | Adjourn | |

Next Meeting

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

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Minutes**

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Faculty President Dennis Ledford called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone to his first meeting as President. He asked the new Faculty Council representatives in attendance to introduce themselves.

Minutes

The minutes of the July and August Faculty Council meetings were approved with no comment.

Presidential Plan for 2012-13

President Ledford reviewed some of his Faculty Council goals for 2012-13. He would like to move forward with developing plans to celebrate the heritage of the Morsani College of Medicine. The President will ask the Bylaws Committee to review the College's committee structure to determine if faculty needs are being met. In recent years, the administration has created committees that parallel some of the College committees that are governed by the Faculty Bylaws, such as the Space and Continuing Professional Development Committees. President Ledford will also ask the Bylaws Committee to consider extending the term of the Faculty President to two years, effective after his term ends. There is a learning curve after assuming the Presidency, and it is felt that one year is not enough time to effectively interact with faculty and administration. Finally, President Ledford would like do a better job of engaging faculty so that the Faculty Council becomes more effective. He cited the need for improved communications and raised the possibility of a Faculty Council retreat.

Physician Assistant Program

President Ledford reported on a proposed Physician Assistant program, which was recently discussed at the All Chairs meeting. Such a program could potentially have an impact on the teaching responsibilities of current faculty. He is appointing a subcommittee to gather information and to consider faculty concerns. Vice President Javier Cuevas will chair the subcommittee, and at least one basic scientist and one clinical scientist will be appointed. Interested faculty members should contact President Ledford. It is important that the subcommittee be formed before the program is in place, so that the Faculty Council will have an opportunity to provide input.

Transition from Blackboard to Canvas

Neil Gomes, Director of Instructional Design and Training, USF Health Information Systems, gave a presentation on the transition to Canvas. Mr. Gomes explained that Canvas was selected to replace Blackboard by USF Information Technology. Canvas is a hosted application and has

become increasingly popular since it was introduced in 2011. The transition is scheduled to begin in Spring 2013, and will end in Fall 2013. Following the transition, faculty will still have access to Blackboard on a limited basis. Online training resources for Canvas are being developed, and workshops will be offered for faculty and students starting in the spring. Mr. Gomes reviewed some of the features that will be gained and lost with Canvas, and gave a brief demo of the new system. He will be glad to update the Faculty Council on the transition at a future meeting.

Creation of College of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences

Dr. William S. Quillen, Director of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences (SPTRS), discussed the possible conversion of the School to a College of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences (CoPTRS). The proposed CoPTRS would become the fifth college at USF Health, and the first such college in the nation. Dr. Quillen asked for faculty feedback on the proposal, which was distributed prior to this meeting. A question was raised as to potential increased administrative expenses that might be incurred by creating a new college during this time of budget cuts. Dr. Quillen explained that the SPTRS essentially acts as a college at this time, and he does not foresee an expansion of administration. Dr. Quillen recommended that the Faculty Council consider a formal recommendation at the November meeting. President Ledford asked the Faculty Council to review the proposal for further discussion and a recommendation next month.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.