

**Morsani College of Medicine  
Faculty Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.  
MDL 1038 C**

**Videoconferencing at:  
South Tampa Center for Advanced Healthcare  
Lehigh Valley Health Network**

Faculty President Karl Muffly called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

President Muffly asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the December 2011 and January 2012 Faculty Council meetings. There were none and a motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and the minutes of the December and January meetings were approved as submitted.

**Administrative Update / Cost Analysis**

John Ekarius, Chief Operating Officer for USF Health, gave a slide presentation that included information concerning the background and membership of the newly created Board of Trustees Health Workgroup. The Workgroup had its kickoff meeting on January 19 and topics discussed included the mission, vision and strategies for the Morsani College of Medicine. Mr. Ekarius went on to discuss the current state of the health care system and reviewed challenges faced by the USF Physicians Group. He presented data with regard to the USFPG market service area in the Tampa Bay region and discussed potential hospital partnerships. He closed by stating that substantial progress has been made in all three missions of the Morsani College of Medicine, including research, education and the clinical areas, although there have been challenges to stabilizing the clinical practice in the current environment.

Joann Strobbe, Chief Financial Officer for USF Health, distributed a spreadsheet that showed the appropriations from the State of Florida for the Morsani College of Medicine for the current and previous two fiscal years. The total appropriation for the current fiscal year is approximately \$48 million. Ms. Strobbe explained that there has been a \$4 million increase from two years ago, which represents the medical parity money that the College received when it lobbied that other state medical schools received more money. She went on to explain the budget reductions that occurred during the last several years, and then reviewed some of the line items from the budget. There was substantial discussion concerning administrative expenses, and Ms. Strobbe agreed to obtain additional data for the faculty. Mr. Ekarius commented that the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be finalized next week. The budget cuts will be significant, regardless of the final amount, and the impact to the Morsani College of Medicine is not yet known. The faculty will be kept informed.

**Distance Education and Identity Verification**

Dr. Alicia Monroe, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, and Dr. Gretchen Koehler, Assistant Vice President for Academic Program Administration and Institutional Effectiveness, distributed and

discussed a draft of a proposed USF Morsani College of Medicine Policy on Distance Education and Identity Verification. The proposed policy is built on the existing academic integrity policy and is intended to address the potential for student cheating in online coursework. Discussion followed, and those in attendance were generally very receptive to the need for the policy. Dr. Koehler asked that the faculty send her any comments, suggestions and questions within the next thirty days.

### **Old Business**

President Muffly asked Dr. Monroe about the status of the video-archiving policy. Dr. Monroe responded that the document is now in final form and is awaiting review and distribution by Dean Klasko.

President Muffly reminded the Faculty Council representatives to send him their comments regarding EVUs, as discussed at the January meeting. He has received feedback from only two representatives.

### **Nomination of Faculty Representatives for Executive Management Committees**

President Muffly opened up a discussion with regard to the nominations received for faculty representation on the new Education Executive Management Committee (EEMC) and Executive Management Committee for Research (EMCR). The Faculty Council is to nominate three faculty members to serve on each Committee for an initial term of one year. President Muffly stated that Dean Klasko would like to be sure that there is Faculty Council representation on each Committee. President Muffly believes that this is important, as it will assure that the Faculty Council is kept informed of EMC activities. After discussion of the nominees, the following faculty members were selected by the Faculty Council:

#### **EEMC:**

- **Ingrid Bahner, PhD**  
Associate Professor, Molecular Medicine
- **Karl Muffly, PhD**  
Faculty Council President and Associate Professor, Pathology & Cell Biology
- **Tapan Padhya, MD**  
Associate Professor, Otolaryngology

#### **EMCR**

- **Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, MD**  
Associate Professor and Faculty Council Representative, Pediatrics
- **Shyam Mohapatra, PhD**  
Distinguished Professor, Internal Medicine
- **Juan Sanchez-Ramos, MD, PhD**  
Professor, Neurology

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.