

**Morsani College of Medicine
Semi-Annual Meeting of the Faculty
Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
MDL 1038 C**

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

Faculty Vice President Dennis Ledford presided over the meeting in the absence of President Karl Muffly. The Vice President called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes

Vice President Ledford asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Faculty of September 2011. There were no comments and a motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and the minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Dean's Report

Vice President Ledford welcomed Dean Stephen Klasko, who presented a report of recent Morsani College of Medicine activities. Dean Klasko began his presentation with a brief update on the recent residency match. All of the medical students matched this year, with 25% staying at USF and 42% matching in Florida. The Dean reported that the first year of the SELECT program is going very well. The biggest challenge for the program will be financial aid. Dean Klasko discussed the new USF Health Heart Institute, which has received approval from the state for funding in the amount of \$6.9 million. The Institute will have a special focus on Personalized Medicine and Genomics, and a new building is planned. Dr. Stephen Liggett has been recruited as Vice Dean for Personalized Medicine at Morsani College of Medicine. The Dean encouraged the faculty to visit CAMLS, which will have its official opening on Friday. Approximately 30,000 visits per year are expected. The remainder of the Dean's report was devoted to a discussion of clinical strategies, including current and potential hospital partnerships.

Report: School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences (SPTRS)

Dr. William S. Quillen, Director of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, provided an update on the School. The SPTRS has a three-year Doctor of Physical Therapy program, with a current class size of 40. Class size is expected to grow to 48, which will give the School a total enrollment of 144. Over 700 applications were received for the Class of 2015. The program is one of only four of a total of eleven programs in Florida with a pass rate of 100% on the national boards. It is one of only three Physical Therapy programs in Florida that is nationally ranked and was most recently ranked 63rd out of 210 national programs. Dr. Quillen discussed some of the current research initiatives at the SPTRS, including a \$1.6 million grant from the Department of Defense for Musculoskeletal Research. The clinical service is doing very well, with \$5 million in patient service revenue during Fiscal Year 2010/11. Planning is under way for possible transition from School to College status at USF Health.

Introduction of Chief Executive Officer, USF Physicians Group

Vice President Ledford welcomed Dr. Jeffrey Lowenkron, who recently joined USF Health as CEO of the Physicians Group. Dr. Lowenkron briefly introduced himself and said that he is excited about the challenges ahead. The goal for the practice plan is to figure out how to demonstrate the value of the academic health center to the health and well-being of the Tampa Bay region and beyond. That will be not only be a marketing strategy, but also a competitive advantage.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.