

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

**Tuesday, April 24, 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 5:34 p.m.

Minutes

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

Pharma III Regulation – Annual Faculty Council Review

President Muffly opened the floor for a discussion of USF Regulation No. USF9.019, **Limiting Conflicts of Interest in Interactions with the Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Biotechnology Industries**, also known as Pharma III. The Regulation was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2011, and the latest AMSA scorecard shows that the Morsani College of Medicine has improved from a “C” rating to a “B.” Section 13 of the Regulation provides for annual review of the document by the Faculty Council.

The President asked the Faculty Council representatives if they are satisfied with the “B” rating, or if the policy should be modified with the expectation of receiving an “A.” Vice President Dennis Ledford stated that the AMSA report indicated that curriculum information had not been submitted. Perhaps if AMSA had received the requisite information on curriculum, a score of “A” might have been received. Questions arose as to the type of curriculum documentation required by AMSA, and whether the College offers an appropriate ethics course for the medical students. The question was also raised as to whether any faculty have been negatively impacted since the new regulation was approved. The general consensus was that the Faculty Council is satisfied with the Pharma III regulation as is. President Muffly agreed to survey the general faculty to see if there has been any negative impact. He will also find out if an ethics course is offered to the medical students, and will attempt to obtain copies of the curriculum documentation that was submitted to AMSA by the University of Florida and Nova Southeastern University.

Update: Video-Archiving Policy

President Muffly reported that, following the latest Faculty Council review last year, the video-archiving policy was vetted by legal personnel and forwarded to Dean Klasko for final approval and distribution to faculty. He has not yet seen the final version of the policy. Once enacted, he believes that the biggest problem will be enforcement of the policy.

Department of Pathology and Cell Biology Developments

President Muffly reported on recent developments in his department, Pathology and Cell Biology. Several faculty members have transferred out of the department, and the Chair will be stepping down this Fall. President Muffly is concerned that these developments may have created the appearance that the department is downsizing, and he asked if other faculty members have experienced similar developments in their departments. Dr. Phillip Marty, Vice Dean for Research, commented that the recent transfers were voluntary requests from the faculty members themselves. A transition plan is in development for the change in departmental leadership.

Update: Educational Value Units (EVU's)

Following up on discussions at recent meetings, President Muffly reported that he has emailed to the Faculty Council membership a document containing EVU feedback received to date. After some discussion with regard to EVU metrics and other faculty concerns, the President asked the Faculty Council to review the feedback document and let him know their top three or four issues. He will then reduce the initial list to no more than five or six items, and will ask the Faculty Council membership for approval prior to his discussion with Dean Klasko.

Other Business

President Muffly was asked if he has received any additional information regarding administrative costs, as requested at the February meeting. The information has not yet been received, and the President will follow up.

President Muffly suggested that, following the conclusion of his term, the Faculty Council may wish to consider changing the bylaws so that the President serves a two-year term, similar to the President of the USF Faculty Senate. His experience has been that there is a significant learning curve when one assumes the Presidency, even after serving as President-Elect for one year.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.