

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

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.  
MDL 1038 B**

**Videoconferencing at  
South Tampa Center for Advanced Healthcare, Room 5051C**

Faculty President Bryan Bognar called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

The President asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the June and July Faculty Council meetings. There were none and a motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and the minutes for both June and July were approved as submitted.

**Pharma III Policy Update**

President Bognar welcomed Dean Stephen Klasko to the meeting and then provided some background on the Pharma III policy, which has been discussed extensively at prior meetings. A revised version of the policy was posted on the Faculty Council Website for faculty review and comment in July. Comments received were taken into consideration and the latest iteration is available online. Dean Klasko was invited to the meeting to address any additional concerns or questions that faculty may have.

The Dean briefly discussed the policy and commented on the extensive feedback that he has received. Most of the comments were constructive, with approximately 75% ultimately incorporated into the policy. Dr. Klasko commented that there is a strong likelihood that government regulations will be passed with regard to these issues, and it is in the College's best interest to take action to update the policy. He agreed that the document is not perfect, but it will continue to evolve. He has asked President Bognar to include the policy as a standing Faculty Council agenda item so that the policy may be readdressed each year.

Dean Klasko then took questions and comments from the floor, including the following:

- Dr. Mark Kayton of the Department of Surgery questioned line number 336 of the latest iteration, which disallows the use of branded educational materials donated by industry. He provided examples of surgical devices that are required for resident training, which are not available without a brand name or logo. He would like to see the policy reworded to allow the use of such devices for training purposes. Dr. John Armstrong, also from the Department of Surgery, seconded this request. Dean Klasko agreed that the wording is vague. Dr. John Curran, Senior Executive Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, agreed that the request is reasonable and will modify the language.
- Dr. Henry Rodriguez of the Diabetes Center expressed concern over the policy's language concerning pharmaceutical samples. The Diabetes Center is unique in that they provide patients with devices such as glucose meters, which should not be considered

pharmaceutical samples. Further, the selection of a particular device for a patient is not determined by the physician but rather by the patient's insurance coverage. Dean Klasko agreed that these devices should not be considered pharmaceutical samples. After some discussion, Dr. Curran suggested that a list of approved devices be developed, to be approved by the Dean and updated annually. Dean Klasko was in agreement and the policy will be updated accordingly.

- Dr. Rodriguez raised a question regarding the funding of networking meetings with other diabetes providers off campus, which have been supported by pharmaceutical companies. Dean Klasko responded that funds for such functions should come from the Dean's Office.
- Several comments were made with regard to speakers bureaus and content of presentations. Dr. Curran indicated that slides must be educational and cannot promote the industry.

In explaining the next steps, Dr. Curran said that the policy will be updated in accordance with the discussion here today. It then must be circulated for public comment by USF as a USF College of Medicine policy. After approval by the Board of Trustees, Pharma III will become policy. The revised policy will be presented to AMSA for review and scoring.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.