

University Faculty Senate Medical Center Caucus

Agenda and Minutes of Monthly Caucus Meeting, Tuesday October 7th, 2014

Members present: Mark Danielsen, Daniel Djakiew, Mary Ann Dutton, Carolyn Ecelbarger, Rebecca Evangelista, Robert Glazer, Brent Harris, Jan Larocque, George Luta, Maria Luisa Marquez, Eileen Moore, Sue Mulrone, Pamela Saunders Vanessa Sheppard

Members absent: Christine Colie, Kathryn Sandberg, Aruna Natarajan, Cesar Santos, Andrea Singer, Ken Tercyak, Scott Turner

Guests:

Elliott Crooke, Jett McCann,

Agenda

- 1 Approval of the minutes of September 2nd
- 2 2014 medical center budget analysis, Mary Glasscock
- 3 Establishing a Teaching Academy at GUMC, request for support, Adi Haramati (1 pm)
- 4 Recognizing the Toulmin gift
- 5 Updates and Other Business

Mark Danielsen called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved. Mary Glasscock was unable to attend the meeting. Her presentation will be rescheduled for a special meeting of the caucus on October 21st.

Establishing a Teaching Academy at GUMC

Adi Haramati presented an overview of the recommendations from the Task Force to establish a teaching academy at GUMC that is aimed at providing peer recognition and support for faculty effort in education. Dr. Federoff will appoint a director of the academy in consultation with Dr. Haramati. There will be a number of membership categories to give faculty opportunities to engage with the Academy at a level commensurate with their interest and qualifications. The Member and Distinguished Member levels come with responsibilities (such as mentorship and active participation) as well as the potential for benefits. All faculty members will have to apply for membership in the academy. That is, there will not be any automatic grandfathering of current faculty.

In order to achieve the goals of the Academy to provide resources for faculty development, Dr. Haramati anticipates a significant effort to garner philanthropic support. In terms of oversight and advice, the recommendations call for an Advisory Committee, including a number of outside experts. Several of whom already provided guidance to the Task Force. There was a discussion of the desirable role the Academy can play in peer recognition, training faculty, empowering faculty to try new teaching techniques, and providing faculty with a way of informing the administration on appropriate teaching methodologies.

The motion "*The medical center caucus of the university faculty senate supports the formation of a teaching academy at GUMC*" was approved unanimously.

Toulmin Gift

The Caucus discussed the possibility of naming something at GUMC to recognize the Toulmin family. One suggestion was to name the research-building auditorium after them. Dr. Crooke remarked that Medical Center funds have already been earmarked for renovation of that auditorium. The most popular idea was to name a series of research awards after them. Most importantly, the caucus believed that this would be an opportunity to publicize the Toulmin gift and to show appreciation to the Toulmin family.

The motion: *“The caucus supports the formation of a Toulmin Family Research Fund that supports faculty research at GUMC. Research supported by the fund should be publicized by recognition of the research as supported by the Toulmin Family Research Fund.”* The motion passed unanimously.