

Faculty Senate Minutes February 21, 2011

Members in attendance: Handel, Derkay, Burgart, Fantaskey, Daniel, Collins, Devine, Canady, Lattanzio, Cunnion, Tahhan, Crews, Vorona and Archer

I. Minutes: The January minutes were accepted.

II. Committee Reports:

A. Board of Visitors

1. Dr. Handel update the Senate on the status of the School's request for additional funding from the State to begin to place us "on par" with UVa and VCU/MCV. Governor McDonnell has put an additional \$5 million in his budget, but the House has allocated only an additional \$1.2 million. Negotiations are ongoing and a very favorable editorial in today's Virginia Pilot was written in support of the Governor's request.

2. The Development Office has launched a public relations campaign to educate the community about EVMS. Billboards, television advertisements and a new "medical minute" are all being used to improve our "branding".

3. Website: A nationally recognized firm with experience helping academic and non-profits has been hired to redesign/update the EVMS website.

4. Linda Archer made a presentation to the Board regarding proposed upcoming changes to residency training across the country. One issue raised is that the expansion of medical school class sizes around the country (and at EVMS) will not include a corresponding expansion in federal funding for Graduate Medical Education slots (residency positions).

B. Dean's Executive Council and his meeting with Dr. Handel

1. Issues with respect to space and noise affecting the medical students at Lewis Hall were raised. There may need to be some temporary relocations of class and study activities to Hoffheimer Hall during this phase of construction.

2. Negotiations with Sentara: These have still not been finalized though the current funding agreement expired on December 31, 2010. Formal funding requests from EVMS to Sentara have been submitted.

3. Faculty Senate involvement in the Dean Search: Dr. Vorona is the Faculty Senate representative on the Search committee. A superior candidate has been identified and contract negotiations are taking place.

III. Interaction with Industry Policy revision

A. The Senate formed a sub-committee to review the AMSA commentary on our current policy and its comparison with the policies in place at UVa and VCU/MCV. A draft of this document, along with separate commentary provided from the Department of Microbiology, was circulated prior to the meeting. The Senate also reviewed its Mission Statement from the Faculty Handbook confirming its purpose to "review proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook and provide a written position statement to the Dean and the appropriate Standing Committee of EVMS outlining support or any suggested revisions prior to presentation at the

Dean's Executive Committee". With this in mind, the Senate approved, UNANIMOUSLY, the revisions to the Dean's proposed policy outlined below (see complete document enclosed for further details):

1a. Gifts: Adopt the VCU policy of no gifts of any monetary value. Meals only provided through unrestricted educational grants. (Discussion ensued regarding the practicality of complying with this edict and the need for the Dean's office to provide some support for requesting these funds).

2. Samples: Adoption of the VCU language keeping track of dispensing of these medications and assuring that they are provided for bona fide patient care.

4. Industry sales reps: Adoption of the VCU language with visits arranged by appointment only. (Discussion again ensued regarding the practicality of these arrangements and the need to comply with the policies already in place at Sentara and CHKD. With this and other parts of the document, "onsite" was clarified to signify "at EVMS facilities".)

5. Onsite educational activities: No alteration to current policy.

Additional points that were discussed included:

1. Should there be a separate policy for basic science vs. clinicians?

2. Should the policy include ALL EVMS faculty (full-time and community)?

3. Should the Dean/Chairs be responsible for oversight and disciplinary actions?

Dr. Derkay also circulated a JAMA commentary from November 24, 2010 regarding COI policies at Academic Medical Centers that outlined a number of the points raised.

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned at 630pm. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will take place on Monday March 21st on the 7th floor of Hoffheimer Hall. There is a possibility of a venue change so be on the lookout for email communication regarding this.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Derkay, MD
Secretary, Faculty Senate