

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Monday September 19, 2011

Members in attendance: Neel, Derkay, Handel, Archer, Collins, Crews, Daniel, Fantaskey, Lattanzio, Forgacs, Tahhan, Bergsten, Cunnion

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Krishna welcomed the 2011-2012 Senators to the first meeting of the academic year and passed around an updated Roster so that the website can reflect the current members of the Senate and the email list reflect everyone's current contact information. A suggestion was made to include photo-links on the website and this will be further investigated for feasibility.
- II. Committee Reports:
 - A. President's Report/Dean's committee: Dr. Krishna reviewed the highlights of his summer meetings with the Dean and President. Obviously, the big news is the hiring of Dr. Richard V. Homan, MD as the new Provost and Dean effective January 1, 2012 replacing Dr. Pepe who has been the Dean since 2004 and who will resume his post as Chair of Physiological Sciences after the transition. Dr. Homan will transition to the post of President and Dean after the retirement of Mr. Lester within the next two years. Dr. Homan is currently the President and Dean of Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia and has been in leadership positions in academic medicine for the past 24 years. He trained as a Family Medicine physician and has extensive experience in running the faculty practice plans at Texas Tech and Drexel.

The Senate, through Dr. Krishna and Dr. Derkay will send a welcoming note to Dr. Homan and requests that Senators and Faculty also send him greetings. His current emails address is: Richard.Homan@DrexelMed.edu
 - B. Bi-monthly lunch meetings with the President: Dr. Krishna and Dr. Handel met with Mr. Lester to discuss improving communication between the Administration and the Faculty. To that end, bi-monthly lunch meetings will be set up to exchange information and relate concerns with the President. Tentatively, these will occur from 12 noon-1pm on the 3rd Monday of the month (same day as the Faculty Senate meets) and will begin in October on the 17th. Confirmation of this date, time and location will be sent out to all Senators and Alternates.
 - C. Distribution of minutes of key committees to the Senate: In an effort to further the goals of transparency and communication, Dr. Krishna has been working with the Dean to authorize the dissemination of committee minutes to the Senate on a regular basis for distribution. This is already occurring with the Board of Visitors minutes. Additional committee minutes that are requested include: HS Executive committee; Academic Affairs; Fringe Benefits Committee and Council of Chairs.
 - D. Finance committee: Dr. Derkay reported on the authorization of an additional bond issue by the Finance committee to cover the cost of remaining construction projects around the EVMS campus. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to prioritize the projects and recommend which renovations should be pursued. A new cell phone policy was approved and forwarded to the Board for consideration

intended to standardize reimbursement for business-use of cell phones by faculty members and staff.

III. Old Business

A. Faculty Handbook: Dr. Krishna has been in communication with Stacy Purcell regarding her request in the spring to involve the Faculty Senate in revising aspects of the Faculty Handbook.

B. EVMS website: The issue was raised regarding the status of the upgrade to the EVMS website with the resident interview season upon us.

IV. New Business

A. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Education and Research building will be at 6pm on Thursday September 22. Please RSVP if you will be attending so that we can be sure to have an adequate amount of refreshments.

B. The Service Recognition and Faculty Awards ceremony will take place on November 1, 2011 at the Norfolk Marriott. Please plan to attend.

C. Ideas for ways that the Senate could honor Dr. Pepe for his contributions were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 615pm. The next meeting of the Senate will take place at 5pm on Monday October 17th. Please plan to attend or arrange for your alternate to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Derkay, MD
Secretary, Faculty Senate