

Faculty of Health Sciences
School of Medicine Academic Council (SOMAC)
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Biosciences Complex, Room 1102 @ 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

R. Reznick called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with approximately 35 people present.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by T. Massey and seconded by J. Jeffrey that the agenda be approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2011

It was moved by J. Jeffrey and seconded by L. Tomalty that the minutes of January 18, 2011 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. Announcements

R. Reznick announced that Dr. David Walker has been appointed the Provincial Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Lead. He will advise and guide implementation of strategies and appropriate placement of ALC patients in the community.

5. Dean's Report

R. Reznick thanked I. Young, Vice-Dean Academic, for stepping in as Dean while in his absence and thanked everyone for their well wishes during his recovery.

• SEAMO Research & Education Funds

R. Reznick reported that the seminal point was the publication of the TGASR report that indicates two themes: 1) accountability, and 2) support of the academic mission. These funds will support the academic mission with specific funds that are earmarked for research and education. I. Young and R. Deeley will be leading the recruitment of Clinician Scientists (12-14) with the first competition in June 2011. In addition, there is funding to allow existing faculty to engage in scholarships through the Strategic Development Fund allowing a percentage of protected time to carry out research.

• Strategic Planning

R. Reznick reported that D. Edgar is looking into calls for proposals from companies to guide us in putting together a Faculty of Health Sciences Strategic Plan involving all three schools. They are looking at six months with a completion date of December 2011, resulting in a plan that will guide the Faculty.

• CIP Update

R. Reznick reported that the Faculty under the guidance of R. Walker, Associate Dean Postgraduate Medical Education has put a CIP application into the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. This is a program that will allow residents to come out of the clinical stream for 2 to 5 years to pursue science. The program will allow 5-6 residents per year. The start date is July 2012 with the potential for retroactive credit to July, 2011.

- **International Students**

R. Reznick reported there have been multiple discussions regarding international students and there has now been a Task Force struck to investigate the feasibility of recruiting as early as July 2013. There would be up to 10 students, in addition to the 100 Canadian students per year. They would be funded totally through their own resources. The Task group has been in discussions with the School of Medicine and the following three issues were brought to the forefront and would have to be dealt with before embarking on this new recruitment of international students: 1) we would have to develop increased capacity, particularly within the clerkship; 2) accreditation issues need to be resolved, and 3) acceptability – how to expand into the international market.

- **DME Funding**

R. Reznick reported that we are looking at further expanding our distributed medical education. G. Dagnone and others have made several visits to Lakeridge to cement our alliances. We have received 1.3 M for 2010/11 and 1.7M to go forward on these efforts for DME. G. Dagnone reported that this is a three-year transfer agreement for clinical teaching beyond Kingston. L. Tomalty reported that it is important to get the by-in from the rural areas that will expand our teaching abilities.

- **Budget**

R. Reznick reported that the close of the fiscal year is the end of April. The Faculty of Health Sciences is fiscally sound for 2010/11 and 2011/12 but after that we are unsure. A lot will depend on the Universities financial situation and how it will affect each Faculty.

6. Undergraduate Medical Education

- **Revised Undergraduate Medical Student Professionalism Advisory Committee**

T. Sanfilippo reported that the Professionalism Committee's mandate is to oversee student professionalism or lack of professionalism that could arise within our student body.

It was moved by T. Sanfilippo and seconded by J. Jeffrey that the Undergraduate Medical Student Professionalism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- **CARMs Match Results**

T. Sanfilippo reported in the first iteration of the match, 90 students matched to their specialty and 5 got matched but not to their choice mainly due to the couple's match. Thus leaving 5 unmatched, 3 still did not find positions in the 2nd iteration. P. O'Neill has been counseling these 3 students and two of them have found postgraduate interests and will apply next year, and one will sit out this year but is seeking counseling. The matches that occurred were in various cities throughout the country.

- **Curricular Transition, including competency framework**

T. Sanfilippo reported September 2011 will be the third year of the curricular transition with one more year after that with 2013/2014 being the start of the full new curriculum. September will be the first start of the new clerkship. Everyone has been working very hard in putting the new courses together. Dr. Lynn Russell has been working very closely with the course Directors and Assessment committee. The School has planned a retreat next month for all Course Directors to review each course and discuss this new direction.

- **Curricular Course & Faculty Review Process**

T. Sanfilippo reported that this is an accreditation requirement. Feedback processes need to be put in place. The process for curricular course and Faculty review will come back to this body at a future meeting.

- **Accreditation**

It was reported that the accreditation countdown to review the action items is next month and T. Sanfilippo will be reporting back to this body on its outcome.

7. Postgraduate Medical Education

- **CARMs Match Results**

R. Walker reported that they had 142 positions and in the first iteration 119 positions were filled, with the last 23 filled during the second iteration. Of these positions, Canadian medical graduates filled three quarters and one quarter were international graduates. R. Walker reported that Family Medicine is looking at improving their recruitment processes. The other program that suffered in the first iteration was the Psychiatry program. Dr. L. Flynn has been contracted by the Ministry of Health in Ontario to enhance recruitment to this program. It was also reported that all IMGs were filled in the first iteration. This is very important with regards to Human rights perspective.

8. Vice-Dean Medical Education

- **Academic Integrity Policy (SOM) update**

L. Tomalty reported that the University requires that every School have an Academic Integrity Policy. Over the past year the School of Medicine has been actively putting together their Professionalism Policy that is broader in scope than academic integrity and had hoped to use this as well as their Academic Integrity Policy. The University reviewed the Professionalism Policy but felt that a separate policy was needed. L. Tomalty reported that the School of Medicine has since then put together a specific policy entitled Academic Integrity Policy that is in the process of going through the Med-PEC for recommendation to SOMAC for approval. L. Tomalty will bring forward at the next meeting of SOMAC. In the interim the Professionalism Policy will guide us.

9. Associate Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Education

- **The MD/PhD-MD/Master's Program Committee Terms of Reference**

B. Bennett reported that the proposal for the Combined MD/PhD-MD/Master's Program has gone through the approval processes. He is now working with the MD/PhD Advisory Group who has put together "The MD/PhD-MD/Master's Program Committee Terms of Reference" (distributed with the agenda). The main function of the committee would be oversight of selecting students for admission to the program and ongoing oversight over the students once in the program.

It was then moved by B. Bennett and seconded by L. Tomalty that the MD/PhD-MD/Master's Program Committee Terms of Reference be approved. **CARRIED**

10. Nominating Committee

- **Appointment to Committees**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee it was moved by D. Edgar and seconded by J. Jeffrey that the list of candidates to the vacancies on the School of Medicine Committees (distributed with the agenda) be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

- **Appointment of the Chair of the Progress and Promotions Committee**

The following motion was moved by D. Edgar and seconded by B. Bennett:

On the recommendation of the Vice-Dean Undergraduate Medical Education and the Nominating Committee, D. Edgar would like to move that Richard Van Wylick, Assistant Professor of Paediatrics and current member of the Progress and Promotions Committee be appointed Chair of the Progress and Promotions Committee in the School of Medicine as of July 1, 2011.

The motion was CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:16 p.m

David R. Edgar
Secretary to the School of Medicine