

Faculty of Health Sciences  
School of Medicine Academic Council (SOMAC)  
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Botterell Hall, Room B143 @ 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

On behalf of R. Reznick, I. Young called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. with approximately 20 people present.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by B. Bennett and seconded by J. Duffin that the agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes of October 18, 2011

It was moved by B. Bennett and seconded by G. Dagnone that the minutes of October 18, 2011 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. Announcements

- **A call for nominations for vacancies to SOM committees will be sent out soon later this month by the secretary to the School of Medicine**
- I. Young announced that a call for nominations will go out soon and asked people to volunteer their time to these important committees.

5. Dean's Report

- **Strategic Planning**

On behalf of R. Reznick, I. Young reported that for the last four months we have been undertaking a Strategic Planning process. It has been efficient and comprehensive. All constituencies have been consulted. Now we are in the last phase the final reporting stage. A penultimate form will be coming forward in mid-February.

6. Undergraduate Medical Education

- **Canadian Medical School Graduation Questionnaire results**

T. Sanfilippo reported that the MCC part 1 examination survey and the AAMC Graduation Survey results have come forward.

**The MCC part 1 examination** is taken by all Medical students right after they finish Medical School. The 2011 results puts Queen's in the middle of the pack numerically with the other Ontario Medical Schools. All results have been taken to the Curriculum Committee for review and evaluation.

**T. Sanfilippo to bring back more specific data to the next meeting.**

**The AAMC Graduation Survey** is a very long survey that is taken by our Medical students toward the end of Medical School. The students give feedback on everything, academically as well as personal concerns they have while in medical school.

**They are still analyzing all the data and will report at a later date.**

- **Workforce Data**

T. Sanfilippo reported that the Workforce data is complete and has been sent to all Department Heads. They are awaiting feedback. The Schools requirement is up this year by 1000 because of the new curriculum.

**T. Sanfilippo will bring back to another meeting.**

- **Update on Accreditation**

T. Sanfilippo reported that Dr. J. Bates former Undergraduate Dean from the University of British Columbia, and also the lead that worked on our 2006 review, will lead a MOCK accreditation that will take place next week to prepare them for the May visit of the accreditors.

- **Curricular Changes**

T. Sanfilippo reported that they are continuing with their curricular transition. The class of 2013 just began their clerkship this month. Class of 2013 will be the last class to start clerkship in January. Class of 2014 will begin their clerkship in September of this year. Sue Moffat will be in charge of the core curriculum elements that will be embedded into the clerkship. Class of 2015 will have the complete version of the new curriculum.

- **Needle stick Injuries**

T. Sanfilippo reported that it has come to their attention that 10 clerkships have had needle stick injuries in the course of their clinical rotations. They found this out through the efforts of the Undergraduate Office. T. Sanfilippo has referred this to the Clerkship Committee to meet and come up with comprehensive recommendations to address this serious issue. They are looking into embedding needle stick safety into the curriculum better than in the past and providing the clerkships with some immediate safety protocols.

- **MD Sessional Dates for 2012-13**

It was moved by T. Sanfilippo and seconded by B. Bennett that the MD Sessional Dates for 2012-13 be approved. **CARRIED**

## **7. Vice-Dean Academic**

- **SEAMO Accountability Framework**

I. Young reported this for information. SEAMO is transitioning to an organization where we will be managing the accountability for the funding that we receive from the Government of Ontario as an organization, as well as departmental accountability on how they fund their physicians and what their expectations of the physicians are. Over the course of the last year we have been developing an accountability framework that will begin next fiscal year May 1, 2012. The initial phase will be focused on the clinical deliverables that departments have. Following closely behind that will be accountability framework implementation on our academic deliverables. Halfway through our next year we will have fully implemented our Accountability Framework. For the first time our departments will have full sets of deliverables and will be held accountable for meeting those deliverables. I. Young and D. Claus will visit all departments delivering the message on setting up and implementation of the deliverables.

## **8. Bracken Library**

- **Bracken Library Collection**

S. Maranda reported that the Bracken Library will be removing a substantial amount of print journals from the library stacks. These journals are online, and when electronic back files have been purchased, or are in a safe repository, the bound print journals will be discarded (recycled). If the journal is available on the web with “open access”, the print volumes will be sent to our storage area in the Stauffer Library basement. Journals that are not online will remain in Bracken Library.

Print books are also being weeded, maintaining an appropriate balance of years and topics covered in all health and life sciences disciplines. Some very old materials are being evaluated by Dr J. Duffin to decide if they will be preserved in the Special Collections area (in Douglas Library), or retained in Bracken or sold or given away. There was concern in the audience that the books should be preserved, maybe placed in Macklem House while retaining entries in the Library Catalogue. Suzanne Maranda will investigate.

It is hoped that the freed up library space could be re-purposed for better work and study areas.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:11 p.m.

David R. Edgar  
Secretary to the School of Medicine