

Minutes of the April 2005 Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 5 PM
ObGyn Conference Room, Room N3-6

Officers Present: Fonda Eyler (President Elect), Gregory Schultz (Secretary), Shae Kosch (Past President), Sally Chesrown (Treasurer)

Department Representatives Present:

Members	Department
Sue McGorray	biostatistics
Linda Montgomery	community health & family medicine
Lei Zhou	molecular genetics & microbiology
Lucia Notterpek	neurosciences
Frank Bova	neurosurgery
Clay Smith	ophthalmology
Tom Rowe	pharmacology
Hideko Kasahara	physiology

1. Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Fonda Eyler at 5:00 PM
2. Minutes for March 2005 meeting were approved with minor corrections
3. Announcements, Reports, and Old Business
 - a. Report from the Senate liaison – Dr. Frank Bova
Vote by Senators on April 14 for members of the five Steering Committees, COM needs to be represented. Dr. Bova will chair the Senate compensation committee and it will complete a report shortly. General business included report from libraries committee which emphasized their under funding.
 - b. FC dues collections are progressing – reps were asked to encourage faculty to pay new dues
 - c. Update on COM Research Day – speakers Dr. Steve Bloom and Dr. Craig Tisher
 - d. Chair evaluations -- extended to April 15
 - e. Senate Chair-Elect nominations. Two nominated from COM. Senate votes April 14th.
4. New Business
 - a. Lifetime Achievement Award vote for Dr. Smith was unanimous
 - b. COM Tenure and Promotion committee - guideline for nomination and voting – The FC officers met with Dean Tisher and the eventual goal is to have ½ of the members of the Associate Professor and Professor Committees to be elected by faculty members. Dean will appoint the other members to help ensure balance and diversity of committee members.
 - c. New officer nominations (Pres and VP) - Dr. Eyler will generate a list of candidates for election in May.
 - d. Dr. Tom Walsh participated by teleconference in an extensive discussion of the impact of PeopleSoft (PS) on the Division of Sponsored Research. Key issues are that DSR has had to use a paper backup system to PS because of severe problems that persist. Investigators should use the standard DSR-1 form to submit grants, and if an award is funded, DSR will enter the grant into PS. Accounting of funds charged to grant accounts is not reconciled and may never be able to recover accurate data. The NIH is moving to an electronic grant submission system called Fast Lane that will bypass PS, so the PS system may become unnecessary for submitting grants. Indirect cost distributions are not being done by PS because the data are not reliable, and it is currently being done by a quasi-manual process in DSR. The meetings the FC sponsored with Mr. Poppell have helped him to understand that PS is a very serious problem and he has approved funds to pay for consultants to help correct the multiple problems with the system.
5. Adjourned approximately at 6:30

Respectively submitted,
Gregory Schultz, Ph.D., Secretary for Faculty Council