

Stony Brook School of Medicine
Faculty Senate Meeting
May 22nd, 2007

Dr. Cedric Priebe (Presiding)
Dr. Scott Johnson (Recording)

Attendance: Please see attendance roster.

Handouts were distributed: Proposed membership of the Committee on Admissions 2007-2008, HSC library projected budget, SUNY Energy Strategic Planning Task Force recommendations, and minutes from the 4/24/07 plenary meeting.

Dr. Priebe called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

I. Review of Minutes of Plenary Meeting of April 24th, 2007

Dr. Kallus

- Minutes of the April 24th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were accepted as written, without changes. Dr. Priebe asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the minutes to address them with him or S.Johnson.

II. Report from the Dean of the SOM

Dr. Fine

- Dr. Fine commented that the SOM is engaged with outside vendors to provide food service in the designated area on level 2 of the HSC. The area is presently not operational. Several vendors are interested including Au Bon Pain, and discussion with these vendors is ongoing.
- Dr. Fine stated that there has been a proposal submitted to the University to upgrade the ventilation system for the anatomy labs. The formalin vapors combined with the summer heat pose a potential health hazard.
- Dr. Fine stated that this summer an outside agency will survey the HSC space to optimize space allocation and utilization. We need to allocate space to provide for expansion and we also need to maximize the space that presently exists.
- Dr. Fine stated that a rash of robberies occurred in the HSC approximately 3 months ago, especially in the Pharmacology department. 4 PCs and personal items were stolen. The doors were found by security to be unlocked. Since security cameras have been installed throughout the HSC and Basic Science towers, no thefts have occurred. There are approximately 140 entrances in the HSC, Basic Science tower, and the hospital, none of which are guarded, with the exception of main hospital entrances. Some emergency exits have been used as smoking areas and doors are left unlocked and open. Security cameras will now be triggered to photograph pictures if these doors are left open. There has also been a problem with theft in the parking lot. One housestaff member had 4 tires stolen from their vehicle while in the parking lot. There has been a proposal to the Chief of University Police to install security cameras, emergency telephones, and to improve lighting in the parking lots.
- Dr. Fine commented on the CTSA process and application. There is an issue with the amount of space necessary to complete the CTSA application. Approximately 5,000-10,000 sq. ft. of administrative space for the CTSA is needed to be competitive. This space has been identified and will be utilized in the HSC.
- Dr. Fine commented on the recruitment process for several SOM department chairs. The following chairs have been recruited for the following departments.
 - Anatomical Sciences- Dr. William Jungers
 - Molecular Genetics and Microbiology- Dr. Jorge L. Benach
 - Pathology- Dr. Shroyer
 - Pediatrics- Dr. McGovern
- The new chair of Neurobiology will be arriving this summer. The search for a new chair of Medicine is in progress; several candidates have been interviewed.

- Dr. Fine stated that he initiated an anonymous electronic evaluation of all SOM Chairs by their faculty members. In the past chairs have never been evaluated by the faculty. Only 75% of the faculty responded and Dr. Fine reiterated that he would not be satisfied with anything less than 100% faculty participation with this evaluation process. Dr. Fine feels that it is very important for him to know where chairs may need improvement. The results of the evaluation will be shared with the chairs as an aggregate response from the department and will be completely anonymous.
- Dr. Fine reviewed the results of the Press-Ganey faculty survey. There was a 60% response from the full-time faculty. The survey indicated that the departments of Medicine and Surgery were substantially lower than expected, whereas the department of Pediatrics was rated above that expected. The rest of the SOM departments survey results were as expected. Dr. Fine hopes that the department chairs will share their department's results with their faculty.
- Lastly, Dr. Fine commented on the HSC Library's journal storage issues. He stated that approximately 2-3 months ago e-mails were shared that discussed the destruction of HSC library journals. Last summer there was a need to identify space for administrative space for the CTSA initiative, and no space was available on the West campus. It was determined that 5,000-10,000 sq. ft. was needed and that part of this needed space was located where old, archived journals had been stored for a long period of time. Consideration was given to storing the journals off-site, but this was an expensive solution and availability of the journals would be a problem. A decision was made to destroy old archived journals rather than store them off-site. This decision raised considerable concerns by the faculty.

III. HSC Library Budget, Space and Journal Storage Issues - Spencer Marsh, Dr. Leslie Hyman

- Mr. Spencer Marsh, Director of the HSC Library, discussed several issues pertaining to the HSC library. Mr. Marsh first addressed the journal storage issues. Journals published pre-1977 have been stored on the 1st floor for a long time. These journals are much less used than more recent journals housed in the stacks collection. There is also need to always make more room in the stacks to allow the collection to grow. The library now has only 300 journals which are paper, with access to more than 3,000 journals electronically. Storing all of the archived journals on the 1st floor may still be possible (rather than destroy them or move off-site), but care must be taken not to exceed the floor load capacity. The journals can become very heavy per sq. ft. and exceed the floor's load capacity. If we cannot accommodate the weight of all of the journals then the library will be unable to share library space with non-library functions.
- Mr. Marsh discussed the HSC library budget. A copy of the proposed HSC library budget through 2011-2012 was distributed at the meeting. It will cost about \$1 million more for the library budget, without adding new journals, just due to cost inflation. (~ 11% per year). This cost increase is not sustainable and will result in deep cuts to library personnel and to E-books, E-journals, and databases. In the past the library has been able to "squeak by," but this may not suffice in the future.
- This year a \$300,000 budget deficit was erased by a SOM contribution by Dr. Fine of \$250,000 and a \$50,000 contribution from the library. This year's budget is therefore stable, although next year the same problems will exist. The HSC library is a line item in the SOM budget, administered by Dr. Fine.
- There is an expectation that as the library becomes entirely electronic, without paper resources, that very few faculty will use the library as they have in the past. The library hopes to hire a consultant to help the library define and develop a strategic plan for its future. Presently a strategic plan does not exist.
- A question was asked regarding the use of the HSC library by students. Mr. Marsh stated that questioning students about how and why they are utilizing the library may

be considered by students as intrusive and is therefore difficult data to obtain. Mr. Marsh did state that this year the number of students using the library has increased, although faculty utilization has decreased.

- Dr. Leslie Hyman, Chair of the HSC Library Committee, stated that the HSC Library Committee is comprised of representatives from all 5 HSC schools. Dr. Hyman commented that a major renovation of the library ~ 10 years ago transformed the library into a major asset of the institution. We are now at a point where a lot of changes are occurring. She is very pleased that the SOM was very helpful in assisting the library with its budget deficit. She reiterated that the library needs the support from the faculty of all 5 HSC schools.
- Dr. Simon reiterated the importance of integrating the efforts of all HSC schools and the West campus of the University to work not only for a strategic plan for the library but for other University endeavors as well.

IV. SUNY Energy Strategic Planning Task Force and University Senate Environmental Committee Recommendations **Amy Provenzano, Dr. Maureen O’Leary**

- Ms. Amy Provenzano, Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship, gave a presentation on environmental stewardship.
- Ms. Provenzano described the campus utility budget, describing a dramatic increase in campus utility costs over the last 5 years due to growth and new building expansions, as well as utility unit price increases. Due to a campus-wide energy conservation initiative, energy consumption has actually decreased.
- Ms. Provenzano described specific energy conservation projects such as high efficiency restroom fixtures, solar-powered speed awareness signs, and others.
- There is an ongoing campus awareness campaign, described on the environmental stewardship website: <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/sustainability>
- A handout of the recommendations made in the Report of the SUNY Strategic Energy Planning Task Force was distributed. The entire report can be found at the following link: <http://www.sunyppaa.org/Portals/2/Docs/EnergyTaskForceReport07.pdf>
- A video was played describing Stony Brook University’s recycling initiatives.

V. Vote on new Faculty Senate President **Dr. Priebe**

- Dr. Priebe stated that Dr. Roy Steigbigel, Professor of Medicine, Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology, has accepted the only nomination for SOM Faculty Senate President and the Senate had no objections. Dr. Steigbigel will be the President for the term 2007-2009.
- Dr. Priebe stated that the Executive committee membership election process has not been completed and that electronic ballots should be distributed soon.

VI. Committee on Student Admissions, Chair **Dr. William Jungers**

- Dr. Priebe distributed a list of the proposed membership of the SOM Committee on Admissions, comprised of 34 existing members and 6 new members.
- The Senate membership had no objections to the proposed membership.

VII. Committee on Curriculum, Chair **Dr. Peter Williams**

- The proposed new committee membership nominees, elected by electronic vote are listed below. The Senate had no objections to the proposed nominees.
- Basic Science:
 - Paul A. Fisher, MD, PhD (Pharmacology)
 - Frederick Miller, MD (Pathology)
- Clinical:

- Todd Griffin, MD (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
- Roy Steigbigel, MD (Internal Medicine)
- Stephen Vitkin, MD, PhD (Anesthesiology)

VIII. Committee on Academic Standing, Chair **Dr. Susan Larson**

- The 2 proposed nominees were accepted by the Senate without objection:
 - Vitaly Citovsky, PhD (Biochemistry)
 - David Rivadeneira, MD (Surgery)

IX. Senators for 2007-2009 Academic Years **Dr. Cedric Priebe**

- Basic Science Departments: 28 of allotted 30
- Clinical Departments: 67 of allotted 68
- Winthrop & NUMC: 2 of allotted 2

X. New Business

- Dr. H. Sussman brought up the issue of the HSC Library security breach regarding social security and ID numbers for discussion.
- Spencer Marsh addressed the issue, which took place over several months. The HSC Library authentication people, who document those who are entitled use the library resources, use the People Soft database for license agreements.
- 3 files of a much larger file used on a project on authentication were inadvertently left on a computer of someone who left the employ of SUNY Stony Brook. These files contained information on 96,000 people, including name and social security numbers. For 6 days this information was searchable on the web, and only 3 hits to this website were recorded, one of which was the student who discovered the problem. A website has been set up to attempt to explain in detail what happened and recommendations given on how to deal with possible consequences. The website is: www.stonybrook.edu/disclosure.
- The next Faculty Senate meeting will be in **October 2007**, the first meeting of the new academic year.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

