

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
MEDICAL CENTER ACADEMIC COUNCIL

January 21, 2003

PRESIDING: Sharon Stewart

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Patricia Burkhart, William Cohen, Jimmi Hatton, Sharon Lock, Terry Malone, Donna Morris, Paul Osborne, Judy Skelton

GUEST: Jeff Dembo

Dr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She told Council members that this special meeting of the Medical Center Academic Council has been called to comment on the final recommendations made by the Task Force on Medical Center Organization and the Provost Model. She, then, introduced Dr. Jeff Dembo, Professor in the College of Dentistry and Chair of the University Senate Council.

Dr. Dembo summarized the recommendations made by the Task Force and gave the Council background information to facilitate discussion.

After extensive discussion, the Council agreed to the following recommendations/concerns:

- The Council agreed that there should be a representative from each of the five Medical Center colleges on the Implementation Committee. There was concern about the current makeup of the Committee and their ability to interpret and address academic issues in the Medical Center.
- Recommendation 1a. needs more clarification as to what constitutes an academic budget versus budget that results from clinical activities. Many activities that occur in the Medical Center have both academic and clinical components. For example, when income is earned through clinical activities conducted by students as part of their academic program, is that income considered part of the academic budget or clinical budget?
- The Council strongly agreed that the current Area Committee structure should be maintained, meaning that all Medical Center appointments, promotion and tenure recommendations currently reviewed by a Medical Center Area Committee should continue this process, being advisory to the Provost. Members further noted that it is very important that the membership of the Area Committee reviewing Medical Center faculty have an understanding of instructional, research, and clinical faculty responsibilities.

- The Council discussed the proposal that the Clinical Title Series faculty appointment and promotion recommendations be made without input from the area committee. Some Council members expressed the opinion that recommendations should continue to be reviewed by a Medical Center Area Committee, with a copy to the Provost for information, before being reviewed by the EVPHA and forwarded to the President, then the BOT.
- The Council questioned whether one person would hold both the EVPHA position and the Dean of the College of Medicine position. They agreed that these should be two separate positions. The diversity of Medical Center programs are such that it would be ideal that the EVPHA appointment be someone who would understand and appreciate all five colleges and provide a balanced perspective.
- The Council questioned how the allocation of research dollars will change with the Associate VP for MC Research now reporting to the VP for Research. The Council also expressed concern about how allocation of dollars obtained from external funding will be disbursed and how research space would be allocated under the Provost model.
- The Council agreed that the current Medical Center Deans' Council should be maintained as an important part of the matrix to address clinical and academic issues.
- The Council supported the establishment of an Executive Council for the clinical enterprise and agreed that the five Medical Center deans should have a seat on this Council.
- The Council agreed that there should be a clinical faculty representative elected from each of the four colleges (Health Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy) to sit on the Executive Council for the clinical enterprise.
- The Council discussed the proposal that a member of the Board of Trustees sit on the Executive Council for the clinical enterprise. Some Council members expressed the opinion that the member of the Board of Trustees to sit on the Executive Council for the clinical enterprise should not be a faculty or staff representative.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.