

Minutes Academic Organization and Structure Committee

Day/Date: Friday March 19, 2004

Time: 10:00

Present: G. Blandford, B. Jackson, T. Lindlof, T. Garrity, M. Arthur, K.Chard (Chair),

Guests: Tom Samuel, Rita Wilke

The committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of a College of Public Health. Tom Samuel began with an overview of the history behind the development of a new college, as well as some of the reasons why the state of Kentucky needs a College of Public Health. The committee voiced concerns regarding several issues and Tom Samuel and Rita Wilke were able to respond to these questions. The following is a list of the areas given further exploration by the committee:

- 1) The committee asked for, and received, reassurance that no further dollars would be needed to create or maintain a new college beyond the money already allocated in the budget. The committee noted that this new college would be competing for new dollars with all of the existing colleges, but Dr. Samuel indicated this competition would exist even if the existing School of Public Health were retained. He also noted that the opportunity for external funding to Public Health goes up significantly if accreditation as a college can be obtained.
- 2) The committee noted the concern from the Senate Academic Programs Committee that there would only be 2 departments remaining in the College of Health Sciences, and these departments may be dramatically affected by the change. Dr. Samuel responded that these are two very large departments (Health Services & Rehabilitation) and that both departments supported the creation of the new College.
- 3) The committee asked for, and received, reassurance that all key personnel in the university had been contacted regarding this proposal (e.g. the Martin School, the new EVPHA)
- 4) The committee acknowledged the concerns raised by the Faculty Council of the College of Medicine and we suggest that these issues be taken into consideration during the implementation of the new College to decrease the likelihood of any future problems.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal.