Faculty Council of the School of Public Health and Health Professions
Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting (Monday, September 22, 2008)

Members present: Homish, Kiviniemi, Lenker, Ram, Rudra, Temple, Wrisley
Absent: Awad, Yu, White

1. The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

2. We confirmed that Bob Burkard has kindly agreed to serve on the Executive Council of the University-wide Faculty Senate. We continue to need to identify two SPHHP representatives to the Faculty Senate. Marc will raise this issue at the next SPHHP Executive Committee meeting (to be held next week).

3. A number of faculty were not on the faculty/staff listserv and, thus, did not receive notification of last week's school-wide faculty meeting. Each Faculty Council member will poll members of his/her respective department to identify those who may not have received notice of last week's meeting. Names of those who are not on the listserv should be forwarded to Michael Sciortino (ms62@buffalo.edu) and Barb Putzig (Putzig@buffalo.edu)

4. Marc has inquired previously regarding the availability of funds to hold a coffee social. He was informed that, since the budget was in flux, he would need to check back in a few days/weeks. Marc will check on the availability of funds for a coffee social again.

5. Much of the meeting was spent on considering the goals of the Faculty Council for 2008-2009. Two primary goals were established:
   a. Facilitate success
   b. Facilitate cohesiveness

6. Facilitate success
   a. Enhance research success: ask Lorraine Collins, John Crawford, and others to conduct a workshop focused on funding sources other than NIH (e.g., other federal agencies, foundations, etc). Pavani will request Lorraine to attend the next Faculty Council meeting to discuss this and other Research-related items.
   b. Enhance teaching success: this was not discussed in detail but we can include this as an agenda item for next time

7. Facilitate cohesiveness
   a. Town hall meetings with Associate Deans: we will invite one Associate Dean to each Faculty Council meeting. At the Faculty Council meeting, we will request the Associate Dean to conduct a town hall type of meeting during which topics of interest to the faculty can be explored in detail. Pavani will invite Lorraine Collins first. Others include John Crawford (Development), Dale Fish (Academic and Student Affairs), Mike Noe (Community Relations and Clinical Affairs), Sharon Roberts (Resource Management), and Scott White (Faculty Affairs).
   b. Happy hour at the Steer: We will try to hold occasional happy hours for faculty and staff. Carole will circulate some dates to Faculty Council members and we can then decide on a day that will work for most, if not all. In the future, this could follow the Perry lecture. This year, however, the Perry Lecture is on October 31st and, thus, we are likely not to attract many faculty.
   c. Coffee socials: if funds become available, we can resume semesterly coffee gatherings
   d. Service: the annual United Way Day of Caring represents an opportunity to foster cohesiveness through Service. This Day is usually during the week before Fall classes resume.
   e. Other possible activities: wine-tasting at a faculty member's home, pot-luck picnics, tailgate parties for UB Bulls

8. The next Faculty Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th from 2 to 3 pm. As agreed upon by members present, Pavani will arrange for Rm 240 Farber for future meetings of the Faculty Council.