

**Faculty Council of the School of Public Health and Health Professions  
Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting (Thursday, November 6, 2008)**

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

1. Members shared thoughts regarding Lorraine's visit at the last meeting:
  - a. Jenn ascertained interest among junior ENS faculty for sharing grants in progress; one seemed interested but no further progress has been made. We can help put resources together to improve research but faculty may or may not choose to use them.
  - b. Atif suggested seeing how other schools in the Health Sciences structure their faculty councils: e.g. the SOM website has a list of standing committees.
  - c. Atif also suggested we advertise that UUP holds membership meetings once per semester; school representation at these would be beneficial. Atif is willing to announce at a future school meeting the names of the school UUP representatives; a school-wide email may also serve to publicize them to the faculty at large.
2. The coffee social is scheduled for 11/25, 3-4:30 in the Greenery. Coffee, tea, water, fruit salad, and several desserts will be served. Attendance at past socials was around 60 people; we expect similar attendance. Jenn will publicize the event and Jihnhee will draft a flyer.
3. About 20-25 people attended last month's happy hour at the Steer. The location seemed to be appropriate. We will try to schedule another one during reading days; Jim will look into possible dates.
4. The administration has asked the faculty council to appoint members to a new Strategic Planning Evaluation Committee:
  - a. The committee is necessitated by mock site reviewers' comments that the strategic planning process has been too closely held by the administration.
  - b. The proposed new committee will be charged to give feedback on whether the benchmarks set as part of the Strategic Plan are appropriate and to monitor progress in achieving those benchmarks.
  - c. The committee will be composed of 1 faculty member from each department, 2 members of the community, and 1 graduate student. The committee will likely meet once a year in October (February for the first year).
  - d. We discussed ways of appointing committee members. Ideally the committee should be composed of people who have a broad perspective and involvement in the school. However, practicalities may constrain the number of people within each department who are willing to serve on the committee. One way to choose members may be to solicit nominations, including self-nominations, and then choose among those.
  - e. Perhaps individual departments should have input on their committee representatives. However, chair appointment of members may contradict the goal of less administrative involvement.
  - f. Mark will discuss these thoughts with Scott; we will then proceed on developing a way to identify and appoint members.
5. Albert Vexler is our new member from Biostatistics.
6. The next Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving and thus needs to be rescheduled. We will attempt to meet once more this semester during reading days.