

## Faculty Council

### School of Public Health and Health Professions

#### Meeting Minutes – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Present: Marc Kivinemi, Greg Homish, Jenn Temple, Carole Rudra, Steve Bauer, Harold Burton, Song Liu, Jim Lenker, and Dean Kozlowski.

Meeting began: 11:00 AM

Meeting adjourned: 11:55 AM

#### I. Visit with Dean Kozlowski

- a. Dean Kozlowski said he is glad to see that the faculty council is sponsoring a teaching forum. He thinks that one productive way to improve teaching is to exchange ideas with other faculty members about what has worked and not worked for them in the classroom.
- b. Dean Kozlowski thinks that the social gatherings sponsored by the Faculty Council have changed the culture in SPHHP by fostering interdepartmental communication.
- c. The Dean's office has begun the formation of an SPHHP Communications Committee. Ideally there will be one representative from each Department as well as at least one undergraduate and one graduate student. In conjunction with this, the Dean will be asking for volunteers to be part of what he referred to as a "floating focus group", consisting of a group of people on a list serve aimed at discussing communications issues. One communications area that needs attention is the use of social networking to promote our program and facilitate recruitment.
- d. The School of Medicine has completely revamped its website. SPHHP will be doing so as well in the next year or two and using the Medical School changes as a template to try and bring uniformity among the Schools within the University.
- e. The Dean also discussed budget issues. Our budget is continuing to fall. We are limited in what we are able to do to fix it. It makes it difficult to plan, as we are not stable from year to year.

#### II. Discussed Teaching Forum

- a. The Teaching Forum will be on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.
- b. Jason Adsit will be covering topics based on Departmental polling.
- c. Jenn volunteered to take care of refreshments for the forum.

#### III. Coffee Social

- a. Harold is leading the effort for the next coffee social
- b. We are thinking the Friday after Spring Break.

- c. Harold would like to include some new ways to get faculty and staff talking. He suggested having one staff member and one faculty member give a brief description of what they do in their respective departments.
- d. Carole also suggested setting up tables with games that are short to facilitate talking among faculty members. This idea was generally liked, but HB wanted to limit the changes to the brief descriptions and perhaps add the games at a later date.

IV. The Next Meeting will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00 in 310 Kimball