

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
MEDICAL CENTER

November 25, 2003

MINUTES: Academic Council for the Medical Center

PRESIDING: David Watt

MEMBERS

PRESENT: William Cohen, Elizabeth Debski, Willem de Villiers, Jimmi Hatton, Sharon Lock, Malkanthie McCormick, Donna Morris, Paul Osborne, Susan Queen, Mary Kay Rayens, Dean White

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Linda Dwoskin, Ann Peden

OTHERS

PRESENT: Darrell Jennings, Rita Wilkie

Dr. Watt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 28, 2003 meeting were approved as circulated.

Submitted by the College of Medicine

Dr. Darrell Jennings, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Medicine, gave the Council background and an overview of the proposal to change the College of Medicine graduation requirements.

The reviewer was Dr. Mary Rayens, Associate Professor in the College of Nursing.

ACTION: It was moved (McCormick), duly seconded (Rayens), and unanimously carried, that the proposal to change the College of Medicine graduation requirements, be approved, as submitted, and forwarded to the Senate Council for approval.

Other Business

Dr. Watt informed the Council that the future of the Medical Center Academic Council is currently being reviewed by the Senate Council, given the recent change to the Provost Model.

He asked for discussion on the opinions of the current members/alternate as to how appropriate they believe it would be to continue/discontinue this Council.

Members discussed the following points:

- The Medical Center has the appropriate expertise to review health care issues.
- The Medical Center Academic Council operates on a 12-month calendar, which is different from the other three Councils.
- It is redundant for the Academic Council of the Medical Center to deliberate and then send forward trivial changes (e.g., credit hour changes, name changes). Is there a way to revise this?
- There is repeated faculty time used with the same outcome for proposals.
- Past actions should be reviewed to determine what can be streamlined.
- The depth of faculty expertise could be increased on the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils if the Medical Center Academic Council is dissolved.

Dr. Watt told Council members that he would collect a list of actions reviewed by the Medical Center Academic Council over the past year and provide this list to the Council for their review and further discussion.

#### Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cathy Owen