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I. **Call to order (Tom Smith, President) @ 7:50 am**

II. **Approval of January 2015 minutes** – Need to change Nurses strike to Hospital Workers strike. Minutes are considered approved with changes. *(February 2015 minutes approved at April 2015 meeting with no changes)*

III. **President’s Report (See Appendix A)**

(1) Four issues for the next breakfast meeting with Dr. Cole on February 18th include: a.) succession update regarding the COM Dean and VP for Medical Affairs, b.) level of institutional commitment to clinical education for MUSC, c.) pressing need for clinical genetics at MUSC, d.) concerns about spotty secure wireless connections around campus. We are also hoping that Dr. Cole will ask some us some questions during the meeting. If you have any additional ideas, please contact someone on Exec committee or your Unit Representative. The meetings with Dr. Cole have been positive at this point, most of his responses are focused from a University perspective.

**Discussion from the faculty senate body:**

Regarding the strategic plan, what is the expected impact of the innovation portion of the strategic plan on the faculty? On the strategic plan page the definition of innovation as five parts, but it could be worthwhile to ask what that means for the faculty. It may be good for him to understand there is some confusion surrounding the strategic plan.

It is probably not worth discussion point (d) with Dr. Cole. It is best to call IT directly and give them your location where you are experiencing the spotty wireless coverage. IT has been good around campus at responding to the calls and evaluating areas of spotty coverage. In some cases they have placed a new wireless router in that area to improve signal.

(3/4) **Industry Relations (IR) Policy:** The Conflict of Interest (COI) office did put the IR policy on the agenda for the BoT meeting for February. Dr. Sothmann agreed that the process of faculty review before anything is added to the handbook was avoided in this instance and removed the IR Policy from the BoT consent agenda. Dr. Sothmann wants to have a conversation with us about how to create a quicker process for approval to the handbook for items that do not have a high impact on the faculty. The plan currently is to send out the IR policy to the full faculty for comment and then have the draft ready for a vote next month.

IV. **Committee Reports**

a. **Faculty & Institutional Relationships - Mark Bowden**

   The committee met last week. They have started a detailed review of the Fraud Policy. The tactic is to break it down into what should be included. The committee will break
into workgroups to speed up the process with the hope being to have something in the next few months to present to the faculty senate.

b. Governance - Martina Mueller
The governance committee will meet next week. One major topic of discussion is the issue of cross-voting in the COM, basic and clinical divisions. Adam and Kristie have agreed to join the discussion.

c. Institutional Advancement – Alexander Chessman
There is a meeting tomorrow at 4pm. Breaking into three workgroups: entrepreneurial advancement, faculty satisfaction, faculty ownership and rights (focus on curriculum and education products).

d. Communication & Education – Elizabeth Schuler
The committee will meet Feb 18th. Focus on the issue of getting communication out to the faculty at large and start assigning charges to each of the workgroups.

V. Electoral Unit Reports

a. College of Dental Medicine - no report

b. College of Health Professions – the College is working its strategic plan. There is a faculty assembly planned for Feb 20th.

c. College of Medicine, Basic Sciences – There was a joint meeting between the BS and CS faculty senate members to discuss the possible formation of a COM faculty assembly. It was decided that a faculty assembly would most likely duplicate work of the faculty senate. However, it was decided to continue meeting with the Interim Dean of COM. At the next meeting with the Dean, there is a plan to discuss the APT revision process in COM. It was also determined at the joint CS/BS meeting that there is a great need to communicate better between faculty senate representatives and their constituents.

d. College of Medicine, Clinical Sciences - agree with BS report. The meetings with the Interim Dean have been established. No discussion of who will chair that meeting.

e. College of Nursing - nothing to report, all is fine

f. College of Pharmacy - no report

g. Department of Library Sciences and Informatics - Brook Fox at Historical Library recently completed the exhibits in the new college of nursing building. Center of Academic Excellence was cited as one of the reasons for the #1 Online Education Ranking in College of Nursing.
VI. Old Business

a. Discussion of proposed changes to the Industry Relations Policy

Review of the changes:

1. covered persons - people affiliated with MUSC should follow the policy
2. Educational Programing - covered persons may attend corporate sponsored events, but cannot participate in any food, beverage, or entertainment events (receptions) unless it is open to the community. There is a question about whether there should be a definition or clarification for the use of the term community. COI office interprets this as 'professional community'. One potential issue of leaving the term community vague is that it could open professional meetings the non-professional community resulting in an increase in the expense of food and beverage. There was also a question of whether students and trainees are included in the wording. If two wording options are submitted, one from COI and one from FS, the wording will be decided upon at the BoT meeting.
3. Development Activities – the current wording does not seems to exclude faculty from development activities. There remains a question about how a firewall is defined? A firewall should be defined if used in this context.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Adjournment @ 8:28 am
Appendix A: Faculty Senate President’s Report  
February 10, 2015

1. Executive Committee Quarterly Breakfast with Dr. Cole coming up next week. If you have any concerns you wish to be discussed with him, please email your unit’s Executive Committee representative, Angie Mund, Julie Woolworth, and/or me. Issues already being considered for discussion:
   a. Succession update re COM Dean and VP for Medical Affairs.
   b. Level of Institutional Commitment to Clinical Education for MUSC students of any college within MUSC clinical sites.
   c. Pressing need for clinical geneticists at MUSC.
   d. Concerns about spotty secure wireless connections.

2. COM Dean Search Committee…coming soon. Likely to be announced at the end of the month/early March.

3. Extensive discussions with COI Office regarding timeline and appropriate processes for changes to Industry Relations Policy, which is part of the Faculty Handbook.

4. Discussions with Dr. Sothmann about whether a mechanism can be devised to expedite changes to the Faculty Handbook if parties agree that changes are superficial or irrelevant to the faculty.

5. The Handbook revision delays persist, due to Colcock staff workload.

6. Note about the departure of Geoff Freeman, long-serving and suffering Senator. Reception: Friday, February 20th from 1:30pm to 3pm, Drug Discovery Lobby, Light refreshments.