Minutes of the March 2015 Faculty Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 5 PM  
R1-106 Conference Room

Officers Present:
President – Laurence Solberg  
Vice President – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak (by phone)  
Past President – Nancy Hardt  
Secretary – Jean Cibula  
Treasurer – Frank Bova

Officers Absent:  
None

Department Representatives Present:  
Thomas Buford – Aging & Geriatric Research  
Thomas Yang – Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
David Quillen – CHFM  
Ann Church – Dermatology  
Robert Cook – Epidemiology  
Francois Modave – Health Outcomes & Policy  
John Hiemenz-Medicine  
Peggy Wallace – Molecular Genetics & Microbiology  
Jada Lewis – Neuroscience  
Gregory Murad – Neurological Surgery  
Emily Weber Lebrun – Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Qiuhong Li – Ophthalmology  
Robert Matthias – Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation  
Kevin Raisch – Otolaryngology  
Elizabeth Brownlee – PA School  
Larry Fowler – Pathology  
Brian Law – Pharmacology & Therapeutics  
Peter Sayeski – Physiology  
Richard Holbert – Psychiatry  
Judith Lightsey – Radiation Oncology  
Vincent Bird - Urology

Department Representatives Absent:  
Maria Zajac-Kaye – Anatomy  
Sonia Mehta – Anesthesiology  
Arlene Naranjo – Biostatistics  
Thomas Payton – Emergency Medicine  
Diego Rincon-Limas – Neurology  
Byron Petersen – Pediatrics  
Suzanne Mastin - Radiology  
Kfir Ben-David – Surgery

Invited Guests:  
None

Minutes:  

1. President Laurence Solberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The February Faculty Council meeting minutes were approved. Dr. Francois Modave from the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is substituting for Dr. Stephanie Staras while she is out of the office.

2. Executive Committee Report – Dr. Solberg  
   a. The Dean gave a report about the state Upper Payment Limits.  
   b. The Florida Physician Analysis Workforce Report was released, although the results are controversial. The report indicated that there will be a surplus of Geriatricians, Plastic
Surgeons, Pediatricians, and Family Physicians in Florida. The numbers that can be obtained at the Florida Licensing Board do not support these findings.

3. Gator Care Faculty Task Force – Dr. Solberg
   a. There have been issues with Gator Care such as complaints about benefits, pricing, etc. Many decisions are being made about the health insurance coverage without any input from the faculty. Therefore, the Faculty Council Executive Board met and decided to form a Gator Care Faculty Task Force. The Task Force will meet with those making decisions about the health care coverage and will provide faculty input before the decisions are made. The Task Force will likely be comprised of Faculty Council representatives, but not limited to them.
   b. Dr. Solberg nominated Dr. Frank Bova as Chair of the Task Force and the motion was seconded.
   c. The Faculty Council Departmental Representatives will be forwarding an email to their departments seeking participation in the Task Force.

4. Lifetime Achievement Award nominations – Dr. Solberg
   a. Seven faculty members were nominated to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and the motions were seconded. The awardees are:
      1) Linda S. Morgan, M.D.
         Professor & Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
         Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
2). **Mohan K. Raizada, Ph.D.**  
   Distinguished Professor  
   Department of Physiology & Functional Genomics

3) **William A. Friedman, M.D.**  
   Professor & Chair  
   Department of Neurosurgery

4). **Patricia L. Abbitt, M.D.**  
   Professor  
   Department of Radiology

5). **C. Richard Conti, M.D.**  
   Professor Emeritus, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine  
   Department of Medicine

6). **Mary Lou Behnke, M.D.**  
   Professor, Division of Neonatology  
   Department of Pediatrics

7). **Paul C. Dell, M.D.**  
   Professor & Division Chief, Division of Hand and Upper Extremity  
   Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation

b. The Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented at the upcoming Faculty Appreciation Reception to be held on April 1, 2015.

5. Paulus Award nomination – Dr. Solberg  
a. One faculty member was nominated for the Paulus Award and the motion was seconded. The faculty nominee was:  
   **Jennifer K. Light, M.D.**  
   Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Department  
   Chief, Division of Pediatric Division Emergency Medicine  
   Department of Emergency Medicine

6. President-Elect nomination – Dr. Solberg  
a. Dr. Peggy Wallace was nominated as the Faculty Council President-Elect and the motion was seconded. The Faculty Council will send out an email announcing the special election as was done last year. This will run for two weeks and then we will send out an election email with Dr. Wallace and who ever, if anyone, that is nominated for the vote.

7. Dr. Laurence Solberg adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

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The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 5PM in Room R1-106.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Liverman, Administrative Assistant, and edited by Dr. Jean Cibula.